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Snowden Proposal Gets Cool Reception At Recent Hearing

A plan to build seven homes on a heavily-wooded property on Snowden Lane did not sit well with residents Thursday, when the proposal was heard by the Regional Planning Board of Princeton.

Nothing was finalized, however, since the late hour forced the board to carry the hearing to July 13.

Worries from both residents and some members of the Planning Board stemmed from the possible ramifications of sub-dividing the 15-acre property into seven lots ranging from 1.5 and 2.5 acres and a new pump station near the intersection of Van Dyke and All Saints roads.

An access road, tentatively called Prentice Lane, would lead into the development, ending in a cul-de-sac.

The tract, which contains a small wetland area on the northeast corner and larger wetland areas on the southeast corner, is associated with an unnamed tributary of Harry's Brook, which has been subject to flooding, in part, due to an increase in development throughout the Borough and Township.

"I would not be real happy to have additional stormwater flow into Harry's Brook," said Bill Enslin, whose remarks prefaced testimony by Joel Schwartz, a Township resident and a principal of the developer Landmark at Princeton, LLC. Mr. Enslin also said that the number of the estimated 780 trees eight inches in caliper or more that would have to be removed to build the subdivision was "unacceptable." He recommended that Mr. Schwartz meet with Greg O'Neil, the Township's arborist and open space manager, to work on the plan. Mr. O'Neil said that he had not yet reviewed the plan.

Neil Yoskin, attorney for Landmark, indicated that the plan submitted to the board called for the planting of about 200 trees and 33 shrubs and an additional 34 shrubs for the pumping station. Mr. Yoskin also said that he expected that any approval by the Planning Board would be "conditional" with a tree-planting plan.

The wetlands element of the plan was contested by residents, who said that the property was incorrectly analyzed based on a five-year-old Freshwater

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Township's Budget Is $29.8 Million

Princeton Township Committee unanimously adopted its 2005 operating budget Monday night, marking a six-and-a-half-cent hike over the municipality's 2004 tax rate.

Total expenditures, however, came in approximately $400,000 under the 2004 amount, according to Kathryn Shaddow, the Township's chief financial officer.

The budget calls for revenues and appropriations of about $29.8 million, and of that, about $16.2 million needs to be raised by local purpose tax, thus driving the municipal tax rate up to 68.5 cents. As such, the average Township homeowner living in a home valued at $418,907 will pay $2,864 in municipal taxes this year, up $290 from 2004, resulting in about 69 cents to every $100 of assessed property value

Ms. Shaddow said one of the largest increases in this year's budget is debt service, which contributed about three cents to the increase.

The six-and-a-half-cent hike is commensurate with increases in other Mercer County municipalities, said Township Administrator James Pascale when the budget was first introduced on March 4. While about $3.5 million in surplus could have been used to trim this year's increase, Ms. Shaddow said the municipality would be better served spending those funds over the course of several years.

The Township is now required to send the budget to the state for review. However, once the budget has been adopted, it is effective immediately, Ms. Shaddow said.

While the vote was unanimous, Committee did not seem to be particularly enthusiastic about passing a budget with a significant tax rate increase. Deputy Mayor Bernie Miller said that future budgetary forecasts are "unacceptable," and that the Township is functioning beyond its fiscal needs.

"We're facing a pretty severe financial problem," he said, adding that as it stands, the Township faces a 19.24 percent tax hike next year, and a 16.47 percent increase in 2007.

Mr. Miller pointed out, however, that the budget established this year had been designed in part to add the surplus so that it could be used to offset severe increases in years to come.

"For that reason, I reluctantly support the 2005 budget," he said, adding that state and federal funding to municipalities has declined in recent years, sending tax rate increases into the double digits

Committeeman Bill Enslin agreed, saying the budget needs to be viewed in the context of "several years."

—Matthew Hersh

IT COULD HAVE BEEN WORSE: When a dumpster adjacent to Holder Hall on the Princeton campus caught fire last week, a fast response by all companies of the Princeton Fire Department made sure the flames did not spread to the building itself. (Photo by E. J. Greenblatt)

Sexual Assault Victim Home From Hospital; Police Continue Search

A 53-year-old woman was sexually assaulted early Monday morning while walking on the Guyot Stream Walkway that runs between Witherspoon Street and Jefferson Road.

The attack occurred just after midnight, according to the Princeton Township Police Department. The woman was approached by a Hispanic man, about 5'3, with close-cropped curly hair, wearing blue jeans and a long-sleeved shirt; his age was undetermined.

The suspect displayed a silver folding knife, told the woman his intentions, and forced her to a nearby playground, where the sexual assault was committed.

The victim was admitted to the University Medical Center at Princeton where she was treated and released. Township Police did not know as of Tuesday whether the woman was receiving any additional treatment.

Township Police Chief Anthony Gaylord said that the description of

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District Settles Title IX Lawsuit With PHS Parents

The Princeton Regional School District has reached a settlement regarding a lawsuit filed last fall by parents of female softball and ice hockey students at Princeton High School.

The Board of Education was expected to announce the final terms of the settlement at its meeting Tuesday night, following Town Topics' deadline.

Although details of the settlement were not available on Tuesday afternoon, Board President Anne Burns confirmed the news: "We have reached a settlement and are working on the wording of it," she said, adding that the agreement was reached last week, but paperwork has been passed back and forth between the two parties over the last several days.

Jill Ray, one of the attorneys representing the parents who filed the suit, also confirmed the settlement, but could not comment further at this time. An attorney with the Princeton law firm Novinson and Ray, Ms. Ray is the parent of two daughters involved in middle school and high school athletics.

Jim Mahon, Michael Katz and Sandy Kurinsky, and Insu and Inkyung Yi, are the parents of three Princeton High School female athletes who filed the suit in October 2004. They contended that an inequality existed in the treatment of female sports at PHS, which puts the district in direct violation of Title IX.

Title IX of the federal education amendments of 1972 states that it is illegal for schools to deny educational benefits to students on the basis of gender.

With the passing of the $67 million budget and $1.9 million second question in April, the district came one step closer to reaching an agreement with the parents, since part of the second question allocated $150,000 for field upgrades at PHS and John Witherspoon Middle School.

In previous meetings with the Board's facilities committee, members discussed the possibility of adding softball fields at the middle school to help settle the lawsuit, and the Board committed to creating at least one softball field there. One possible location for the field was the corner of Walnut and Franklin Avenues.

The attorneys representing the parents include Samuel J. Schiller, Professor Ray Yasser, and Ms. Ray and Carol Novinson. The district is being represented by Paul C. Kalac.

— Candace Braun

Topics In-Brief:
A Community Bulletin

The **Princeton Township Zoning Board of Adjustment** has cancelled its May 25 hearing for a proposed jazz club at the former Mike's Tavern site at the corner of Bayard Lane and Birch Avenue. Few details were given, but zoning officials said the attorney for the applicant, Township resident Stephen Distler, had requested an adjournment. A new hearing is slated to occur in June.

Princeton Borough Council was scheduled to introduce an ordinance Tuesday night that would consider modifying the Borough's E-3 zone and Princeton University's development rights on the Engineering School Quadrangle east of Olden Street. The proposed changes would allow for an additional 100,000 square feet of development, create a "no-build" buffer zone of 150 feet west of Murray Place, and require the use of a jitney transportation system to shuttle employees and students to the Engineering School. The building height restrictions would remain as they are now, with buildings closest to Murray Place having a height not to exceed 39 feet. See the June 1 issue of Town Topics for a full report.

The **Princeton Human Services Commission** will sponsor the 2nd Annual Heritage Day Celebration on Saturday, June 25th in Community Park South and is looking for local talent appropriate for family entertainment. Call the Human Services office at (609) 688-2055 to learn how sign up.

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COMMEMORATING 75 YEARS: The Institute for Advanced Study marked its 75th anniversary on Friday, May 20, with the dedication of a granite and steel sculpture created by artist Elyn Zimmerman. The ceremony celebrated the achievements at the Institute since its founding by Louis Bamberger and his sister, Caroline Bamberger Fuld. *(Photo courtesy of the Institute for Advanced Study)*

Sculpture Commemorates 75 Years Of Achievement at the Institute

The Institute for Advanced Study marked its 75th anniversary on Friday, May 20, with the dedication of a granite and steel sculpture created by artist Elyn Zimmerman.

The ceremony marked the anniversary of the signing of the Institute's certificate of incorporation, as well as the centenary of Albert Einstein's annus mirabilis of 1905, when he published his seminal papers on the special theory of relativity. Einstein was among the first faculty members at the Institute.

TOPICS *Of the Town*

"This is a place where challenges have always been met ... We owe so much to the Institute for giving such a great education to so many," said Princeton Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand, while issuing a proclamation that declared May 20 The Institute for Advanced Study Day.

The sculpture consists of three curved granite panels, totalling 40 feet in length, suspended from groupings of stainless steel poles of varying heights and thicknesses. Situated along the southern edge of the Institute's pond, the sculpture appears as three benches floating amid slender trees.

Dedicated to the Institute's achievements in science and scholarship, the sculpture was made possible by the generosity of Institute Trustee Robert B. Menschel, who has funded scholarships and academic programs for the work of members of the Institute during his 12 years on the Board.

"This sculpture embodies one of the things that this Institute offers: a place to take time to sit and to contemplate," said Peter Goddard, director of the Institute. He added that in its 75 years of existence, the Institute has remained true to its mission to provide an environment where "curiosity-driven research into fundamental questions in the sciences and the humanities can flourish."

Each of the sculpture's three benches bears an inscribed quotation from key figures in the Institute's history: Abraham Flexner, whose vision inspired the Institute's foundation and who served as its first director; Albert Einstein, world-renowned physicist who spent his last 22 years here; and George F. Kennan, diplomat and author on foreign policy, who was appointed professor in 1956 and remained there until his death in March 2005, at the age of 101.

Among the other esteemed faculty who have worked at the Institute are Kurt Godel, J. Robert Oppenheimer, Erwin Panofsky, Homer A. Thompson, John von Neumann, and Hermann Weyl. In addition, some 19 Nobel laureates, and 32 out of 44 Fields Medalists, have been on the Institute faculty or members. Many winners of the Wolf or MacArthur prizes have also been affiliated with the Institute.

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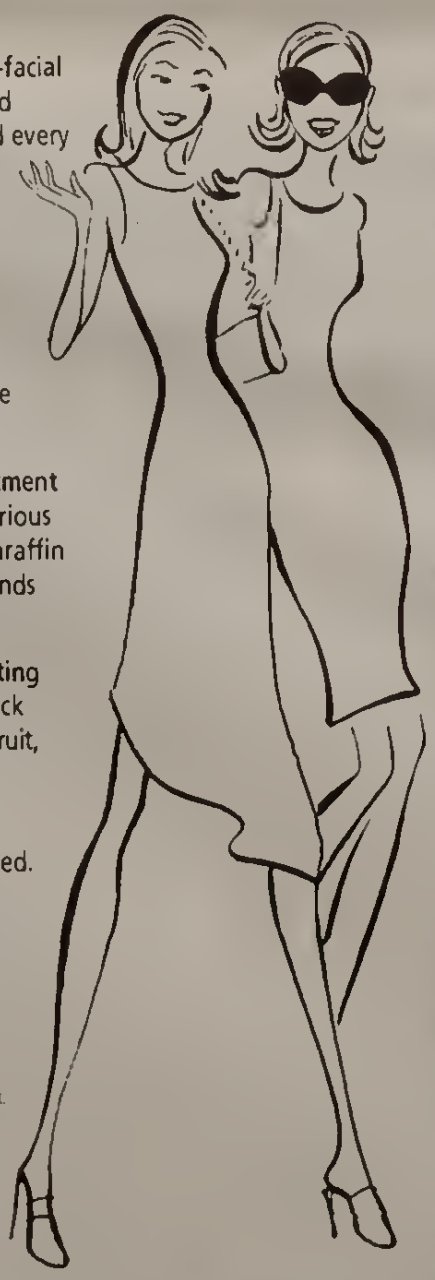

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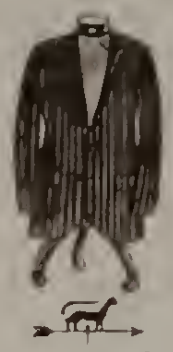

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Einstein's Contributions

Einstein's presence in the Princeton community was due to the Institute's invitation to have him come here from Germany in 1933 to join its faculty. According to the Institute, he played a significant role in its early development. During his tenure, his work focused on the unification of the laws of physics, referred to as the Unified Field Theory.

Einstein lived on Mercer Street with his stepdaughter, Margot, until his death in 1955. Upon Margot's death in 1986, the family's furniture, which had been brought from Germany, was bequeathed to the Institute. Since it was expressed at the time that Einstein's home not become a memorial to the man, it has remained private and is owned by a member of the Institute's faculty.

In the spirit of Einstein's generosity, the Institute donated 65 of the possessions in his home to the Historical Society of Princeton in 2004. The donation included his Biedermier-style grandfather clock, his favorite armchair, his wooden music stand, and his pipe.

—Candace Braun

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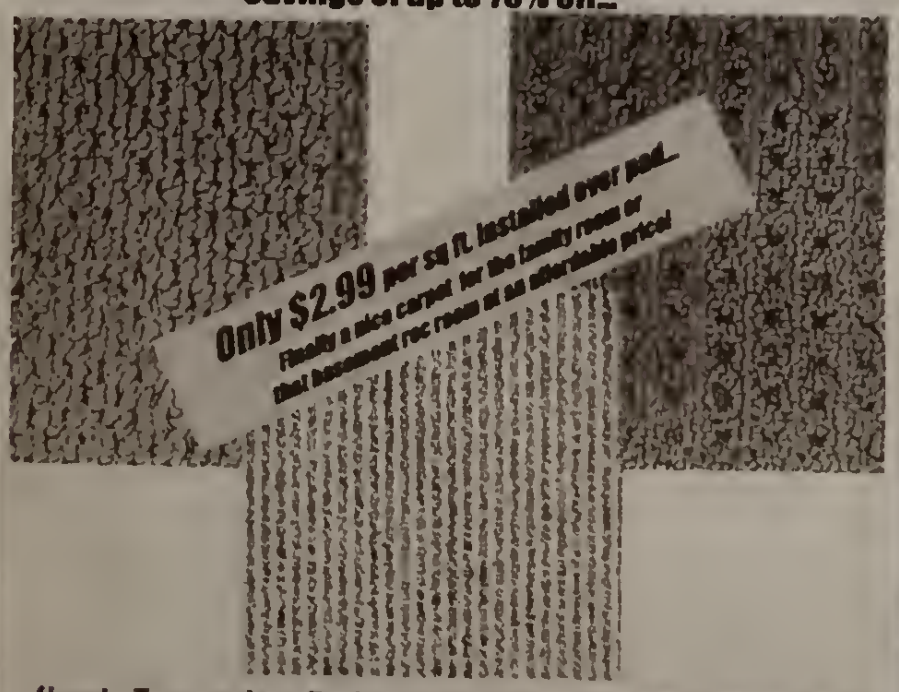

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Experts Debate Solutions To Immigration Problems

The illegal immigration problem were debated among experts with diverse backgrounds last Thursday during a forum held at the Princeton Public Library.

Deportations of immigrants are continuing to increase both in the U.S. and New Jersey, where more than 2,000 immigrants were arrested in 2004, according to Maria Juega, chair of the Latin American Legal Defense and Education Fund, which co-sponsored the event.

"These individuals do not see themselves as criminals. They are working, law-abiding men and women with families here," she said, adding that even those who find it hard to live here would rather be in this country than somewhere else.

"They're here and they're not going anywhere," she added.

The Hon. Douglas H. Palmer, the first African-American mayor of Trenton, spoke on how to integrate, serve, and empower immigrant communities. He told his audience that there are 27 ancestral groups living in Trenton and "they all enrich our culture."

The mayor of Trenton since 1990, Mr. Palmer is the recipient of the City Liveability Award, and president of the National Conference of Democratic Mayors.

He said he felt that immigrants are victims in our country, having to work 16-hour days and reap no benefits, including insurance to cover their children's health care.

He suggested that under-the-table cash payments to immigrants are part of the reason they frequently become victims of robbery. And, because they fear police will deport them, the crimes often go unreported.

"It is wrong to encourage people to be here for the cheap labor, but deny them the normal rights of society," said the mayor. "Their contributions far outweigh their detriment to our society."

Carol M. Swain, professor of political science and law at Vanderbilt University, as well as the founder of the Veritas Institute, agreed with Mr. Palmer, and said she believes that more people should be hired to process the requests for working visas, but that this is not done because illegal immigrants help big business: "I think we can do something about illegal immigration if we want to."

Ms. Swain said she has "nothing but compassion for those who have risked coming here," but argued that if we have laws against working in this country illegally, they should be upheld: "There's a part of me that says if you are working here illegally, you should have trouble sleeping at night....We shouldn't encourage people to do something illegal."

Some speakers put the problems with immigration on regular U.S. citizens.

Barrie Peterson, co-director for the Institute on Work at Seton Hall University, asked the library audience if those who disapproved of immigrants living and working here would be willing to pay more for construction workers, convenience store employees, and people to do various yard duties.

"If you're not, than you're a hypocrite," he said, since most of these positions are filled by illegal immigrants who are paid under the table.

He added that many Americans do not encourage their children to take on these positions when they go out into the work force, which means that there is no competition for immigrants to take these jobs.

"We're too good for that work and our children are too good for it too?....You can't have it both ways," he said.

Mr. Peters asked for a show of hands to see how many people in the room were Native American; no one raised his hand.

"Now see: we are a nation of immigrants," he said.

—Candace Braun

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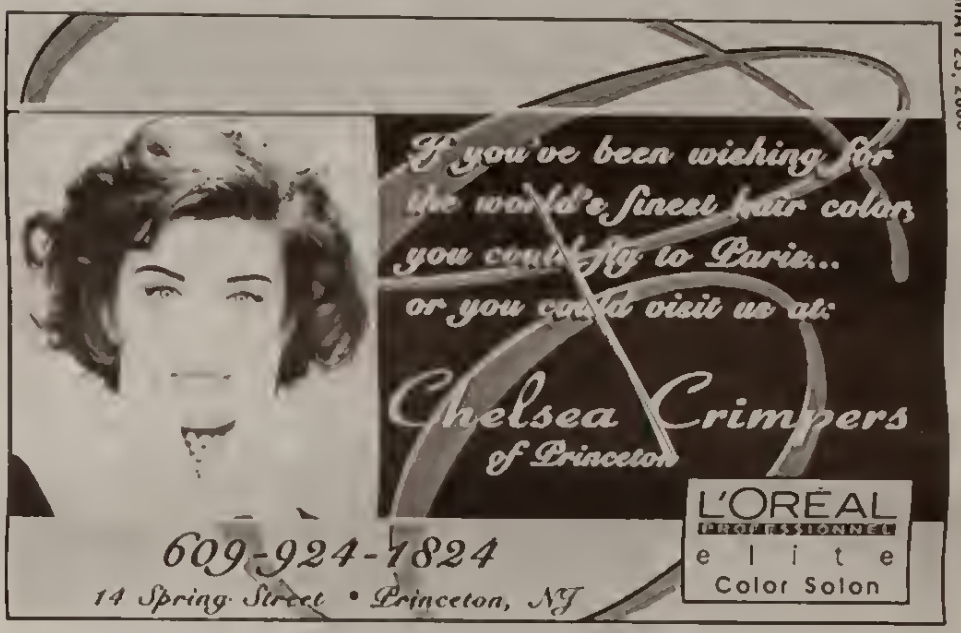

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To Community Group, Medical Center Plays Role in Larger Planning Scheme

In early 2004, when Princeton Future set out to find the "next big thing" in terms of in-town development, the organization selected the ever-evolving Witherspoon Street corridor as a part of town that should be examined.

Speculation aside,the group had no idea at the time that the trustees of the Princeton HealthCare System would announce their intentions to move the University Medical Center at Princeton out of town for a 250-acre greener pasture.

But that is the case, and is clearly the "next big thing," as residents and and municipal officials alike weigh the development possibilities of the hospital's 12-acre main campus on Witherspoon Street.

This past Saturday at the Princeton Public Library, Princeton Future offered a summation of nine community meetings focused on Witherspoon Street that included not only the hospital, but the commercialized southern end, the residential area between Paul Robeson Place and Leigh Avenue, and the institutional northern end that includes Township Hall, Community Park Elementary School, Mercer Engine #3, and the Valley Road Building.

And while the Saturday meeting was attended by nearly half of Borough Council and some members of the Regional Planning Board, the thrust of the Witherspoon Study was to be merely an advisory representation of the ideas put forth by the participating residents.

"The idea behind it all was not to be an alternative government or substitute government, but to pose the opportunity to listen to each other," said Robert Geddes, co-chair of Princeton Future.

"A plan is crucial," said Yina Moore, adding that imminent change to Witherspoon Street, including the addition to the Arts Council, and the emergence of businesses on the northern end of the street, offered the opportunity for discussion.

The group addressed the prospect of zoning, particularly in the hospital area. If the 12-acre hospital block surrounded by Harris Road, Henry Avenue, Franklin Avenue, and Witherspoon Street were rezoned for residential use, residents were largely in agreement that the area should have a character in keeping with the Jefferson Road neighborhood to the east and the Witherspoon neighborhood to the west. As it stands, the 510,860 square feet of that tract that make up the Borough's HMC zone and the Township's H-2 zone, would have to be entirely rezoned for housing, as they are currently zoned only for hospitals and medical offices.

Various scenarios for development introduced at Princeton Future's April 16 meeting were developed at Saturday's recap. Unlike a scheme put forth by the West Windsor-based Hillier Architecture exploring future residential development of the hospital's main campus site (see story on page 7), only one of Princeton Future's seven scenarios envisioned using the seven-story hospital tower, and all schemes outlined an extension of Leigh Avenue. One scheme also visualized maintaining some sort of medical presence at the corner of Henry Avenue and Witherspoon Street.

Keeping the hospital tower, however, raised some eyebrows among some residents of the immediate neighborhoods. "The [tower] is a real problem," said Carnahan Place resident Heidi Fichtenbaum. "[it] has absolutely nothing to do with either neighborhood."

Landscaping and sidewalk conditions were also addressed Saturday. Kevin Wilkes, an architect with Princeton Design Guild, who has been involved in the WSCS, said that Witherspoon should be enhanced for pedestrians who live along the street and for those who use its institutions. Among his suggestions were to bury the utility lines in the residential area because of the "tremendous" damage done to the trees; to open the gates of the cemetery to create more of a park-like setting; and to install a series of "neck-downs," where the road narrows considerably to slow traffic for the benefit of pedestrian crossings. Those would resemble the recent neck-down installation on University Place at McCarter Theatre. Mr. Wilkes also proposed the installation of improved bus stop facilities at the Arts Council, the Valley Road Building, and Community Park.

Bike lanes were generally not recommended because of the volume of traffic and the relatively narrow width of the street.

Princeton Future was invited to attend a hearing by the Regional Planning Board of Princeton this Thursday, May 26, at 7:30 p.m. at Township Hall. The hearing is a continuation of the Planning Board's consideration to amend the Princeton Community Master Plan and recommend ordinances that would accommodate future development on the hospital site. Members of the board have said they hope to have the parameters for any amendment in place by mid-summer, with hearings and possible adoption by the fall. Those amendments would then serve as the basis for any zoning changes.

— Matthew Hersh

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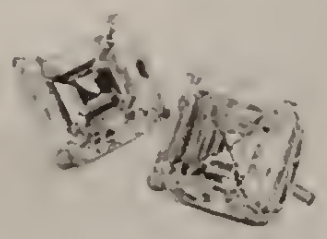

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Hospital Consultant's Plans In Flux As Neighbors Give Mixed Reactions

Residents of neighborhoods adjacent to the University Medical Center at Princeton remained on guard last Tuesday night as a hospital consultant offered ideas for what development could look like on the 12-acre site once the hospital leaves Princeton.

However, in contrast to a preliminary presentation on May 3, last Tuesday's event underscored the importance of making the land attractive to future developers, thus enabling the sale of the land that would, in part, further finance a land acquisition: one that is now estimated at around $300 million, up from the $250 million once forecast by PHCS President and CEO Barry Rabner.

Although hospital officials have yet to announce where the hospital will relocate its main campus, points in West Windsor or Plainsboro have surfaced as possibilities because of the desired close proximity to the current location. The hospital could disclose the site of its intended 300-bed facility as early as June, according to PHCS officials.

The May 17 meeting, however, focused primarily on possible housing and mixed-use possibilities for the current site. The presentation also touched on the challenges that lie ahead when it comes to rezoning a tract that is currently zoned only for hospitals.

J. Robert Hillier, head of the West Windsor-based Hillier Architecture, presented an outline for housing that comprises 280 resident-owned units in a project that would make use of of the hospital's eight-story tower. Mr. Hillier's plan provides for a public park at the current Medical Arts Building, and a private roof-top garden area. There would also be a public day-care center and fitness center.

Both Mr. Hillier and Mr. Rabner pointed out that while Hillier Architecture is the hospital's paid consultant, the plans put forth would reflect the feedback from these hospital-hosted meetings and hospital-related hearings by the Regional Planning Board of Princeton. Not all of the 40 residents in attendance were satisfied with this explanation.

When resident Jenny Crumiller questioned Hillier's role as a potential developer on the site, Mr. Rabner assured her that any design put forth was subject to resident input.

PHCS has been working with Mr. Hillier and his associates for the better part of two years examining ideas on how the site would be used after the likely relocation of the hospital. Mr. Hillier stressed the importance of having some schematics in place before the site is sold to developers to ensure results in keeping with the goals put forth by residents.

"If a developer just came in and wanted to do his thing, the concern is that it would take forever and that any developer from out of town isn't going to understand the situation," Mr. Hillier said, adding that it was for that reason that the hospital took it upon itself to "at least get to a concept of the land use.

"Then we're going to take that concept, and give it to the developers," he said, but that the concept could evolve for certain "market-responsive" factors.

Any concept from the Hillier/hospital camp will reconsider plans for approximately 68,000 square-feet of buildable property on the Franklin Avenue surface parking lot. Mr. Hillier had originally proposed that area to be developed into 24 units in buildings three stories in height, but residents worried about the density of such development.

In response to residents' concerns about the volume of traffic generated by a residential facility, Mr. Hillier said that any new traffic would be lighter than the currently estimated 4,300 to 5,070 trips to and from the hospital. With standard residential housing, he pointed out, that number would drop to about 1,500 per day, with fewer trips for housing for residents 55 and up.

The proposed development could result in about $6 million in taxable property for the Borough, about $300,000 for the Township, and approximately $3 million for the school district. Under Mr. Hillier's plan, the majority of the proposed development would fall in the Borough.

Last Tuesday's event followed a similar Monday evening presentation held for Community Without Walls (CWW), a local organization of residents whose mission is to seek ways to age "in place," by remaining close to town. CWW has long advocated assisted living facilities and continuing care retirement communities (CCRC). A CCRC was one of the recommendations of an independent municipal task force formed to explore possible future hospital-site uses.

In November 2003, CWW and the radio station WHYY organized the "Widening Horizons Conference," which addressed housing, transportation, and health issues. As the keynote speaker at that conference, Mr. Hillier called for zoning to encourage re-using existing buildings in order to allow developers to justify the cost incurred with senior housing. – **Matthew Hersh**

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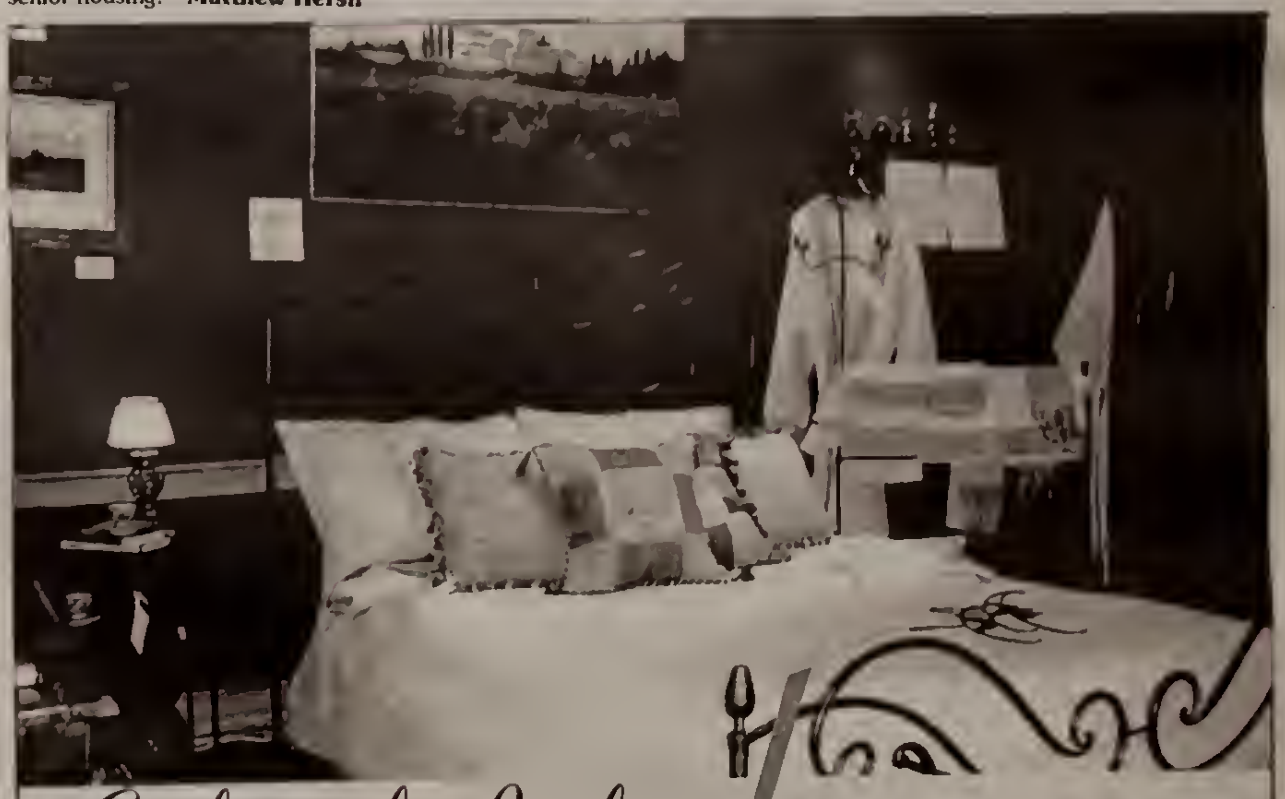
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Sexual Assault

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the man was "general." Det. Sgt. Scott Porreca and Det. Cpl. Arthur Villaruz, and Cpl. Gary Conover are carrying out the investigation. They were not available for comment at press time.

Chief Gaylord could not elaborate on the exact state of the victim, except that she is "okay."

The Guyot Stream Walkway is a heavily-wooded, frequently used shortcut for students going to and from Community Park Elementary School, John Witherspoon Middle School, and Princeton High School. It also runs along the Valley Road recreation fields. Chief Gaylord said that problems in that area rarely exceed vandalization, even late at night, and that this particular incident appears to be isolated.

The chief said there was no indication that the assault was linked to any incidents in surrounding municipalities, but added that the investigating detectives would be checking with other municipalities for reports of similar acts.

"It might have been an opportunist — someone who was just walking by there and saw this woman," he said.

Even if it were isolated, the chief said, police would carefully monitor the area.

"We try to watch all the areas, and we haven't had any problem there in a long time," Chief Gaylord said, adding that the surrounding areas would also be watched.

The police chief urged that residents take care when walking at night.

"People should try to walk in pairs and not pick isolated spots," he said. "They need to be aware of their surroundings and where they're walking."

—Matthew Hersh

Community Park Pool To Open for 37th Year

Community Park Pool will open on Memorial Day for what will be its 37th year of operation. As in the past, the pool will be in operation for three weekends before opening seven days a week on Wednesday, June 15.

Hours of operation for the weekends will be from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., including Memorial Day.

The daily admission rates for a resident or guest: Adults $7; nonresident guest accompanying resident adult: $9. Daily admission for resident children 17 or under will be $4. For non-resident guests in the same age range: $7.

Season tickets may be purchased between 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. at the Recreation Department during the first three weekends of operation. All purchasers should bring proper identification. Temporary permits will be issued on site. Season ticket prices are the same as last year: Family $210 (consult the Recreation Dept. for the definition of family plan); adult $105; child $55; senior (60 and up) $50.

For additional information on other pool programs, please contact the department at (609) 921-9480.

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Question of the Week:

Do you think John Bolton should be confirmed as ambassador to the United Nations?

"I think he should be confirmed because he is the President's choice. I think the UN needs a kick in the butt, and, apparently, that's the kind of individual he is – a tough and stern man – and I believe that he will represent our interests very well." *— Allen Svennevik, Co-owner, Color Me Mine, Princeton Shopping Center*

"The US needs a tough person at the United Nations to get our agenda across, so, in that sense I'm for it, but then again, I'm against it because he is a little too outspoken. So, he's right at the edge." *— Ed Belbruno, Wiggins Street*

"Yes, I think he should be confirmed. I think he would do a good job, and that the UN needs someone like him to maybe straighten it out a bit." *— Robert Fluss, Derwent Drive*

"I just don't think that Bolton should be confirmed. I don't think that we should be throwing a contentious guy into the UN, that the President should be bullying the Senate to confirm him, nor should we be sending someone to the UN with the reputation as a bully." *— Howard Levy, Knoll Drive*

"Yes. It's the President's foreign policy – this is the person whom he has chosen and we should go with it. If we are displeased, it should be reflected in the next election." *— John Lopez-Ona (with Amelia), Winfield Road*

Stony Brook Bridge Rehab Project Stirs Troubled Waters in Township

A project set to begin on Route 206 could burn bridges between the state and Princeton Township instead of building them.

If the New Jersey Department of Transportation is successful in carrying out its reconstruction plans for the Stony Brook Arch Bridge at Route 206 and Quaker Road, a battle of aesthetics may heat up, as Township officials have expressed serious reservations about the DOT's proposed improvements to the Stony Brook Arch Bridge at Route 206 and Quaker Road. The reconstruction, they say, is not in keeping with the landmark bridge, or with that of the Princeton Battlefield/ Stony Brook Settlement Historic District, and the Kings Highway National Register Historic District.

According to DOT, the original, three-arched, 213-year-old bridge (one of the oldest in the state), is safe and passable and "more than adequate to handle vehicular traffic."

However, DOT has said that a connecting segment of the bridge that stretches across the flood plain, built in 1896, is of declining integrity, and needs to be replaced.

According to the DOT plan, the opening railings, or slats, will be replaced with a concrete wall with one-inch deep relief that will "simulate" the open railing.

"It's not only going to change the appearance, but we're worried about how the work will be done," said Township Historic Preservation Officer Christine Lewandoski Thursday, adding that projects like these tend to go to the lowest bidder.

"This is really important: we've been meeting with [DOT] on this, but they have not backed down," she said.

Members of the Historic Preservation District have been worried about the project for some time, Ms. Lewandoski said, adding that the DOT's primary safety concerns can be met without compromising the aesthetics of the bridge.

The Stony Brook proposal recalls last year's Harry's Brook Bridge rehabilitation project on Princeton-Kingston Road by Lake Carnegie. In that project, also spearheaded by DOT, the bridge was entirely replaced by one that was not of character of the former bridge, according to HPC members.

DOT will hold a public information session at Township Hall this evening, May 25, from 4 to 7 p.m. DOT staff will be on-hand to answer questions and field public comment.

BRIDGE OVER TROUBLED WATER?: The Stony Brook Arch Bridge at Route 206 and Quaker Road is scheduled for rehabilitation by the New Jersey Department of Transportation. Princeton Township officials, however, say the proposed improvements will take away from the historic character of the bridge, which lies within the Princeton Battlefield/Stony Brook Settlement Historic District, and the Kings Highway National Register Historic District. (Photo by George Vogel)

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The Spirit of Princeton has scheduled the Memorial Day parade for Saturday, May 28, rain or shine. The parade will begin on Nassau Street at Princeton Avenue at 10 a.m. and proceed down Nassau to the monument at Borough Hall, where there will be a Memorial Day ceremony at 11 a.m. The reviewing stand will be across from Palmer Square's Tiger Park.

Among those scheduled to take part in the parade are government officials and dignitaries; the Princeton Borough and Township Police Departments and Color Guards; Princeton First Aid & Rescue; the Princeton Fire Department; the Parade Marshal; the Colonial Musketeers Fife & Drum Corps; the MacGregor Pipe Band; the Hightstown High school "Rams" marching Band; the Burlington High School "Blue Devils" Marching Band; a steam calliope; the University Medical Center at Princeton's June Fete car; the Patriotic Bike Brigade; the Central Jersey Antique Car Club and others.

The Spirit of Princeton is a nonprofit organization dedicated to inspiring civic pride and citizen involvement in the life of the community through the sponsorship of Flag Day (June 14 at noon in front of Township Hall); July 4 fireworks (June 30 at dusk at Clark Field by Palmer Stadium); and Veterans Day ceremonies (November 11 at 11 a.m. at the Mercer Street Veterans Monument).

Seven Births Reported At Princeton Hospital

The Princeton HealthCare System has reported seven births to area residents during the week ending May 23.

Sons were born to Constance and Peter Lusdyk, Princeton Junction, April 28; Susan and Steve Hainebach, Princeton, May 19; Christine and Christopher Blanos, Princeton, May 19; and Suzie Park and Haeseok Ko, Princeton, May 20.

Daughters were born to Lopa and Kris Kolluri, West Windsor, May 18; Rita and Richard McCloskey, Princeton Junction, May 18; and Nancy and William Blair, Princeton Junction, May 19.

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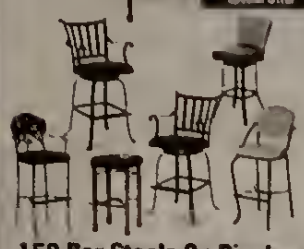

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This Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Nassau Presbyterian Church on Nassau Street, Ralph Nader will deliver a speech entitled, "The Future For You," urging Princeton students, alumni, and the community, to "reform American politics." Singer-songwriter Patti Smith and musician Lenny Kaye will also be on hand for a live performance.

"I'm looking forward to seeing the town itself, the spring, and the beauty of the campus," Mr. Nader said in an interview, but quickly changed gears when explaining the real purpose of his visit. "We're not only going back for nostalgia, because it is a wonderful occasion, and while there's a lot of entertainment and fun, there are also serious lectures at the church we hope will get to grips with some of the problems and solutions facing the country."

Mr. Nader said his goal is to initiate an attitude of "civic self-confidence" among students and graduates alike to "help fight city hall.

"We have to learn as a society, region, and nation, to put forward people who really have the solutions," he said.

Mr. Nader praised the troupe of University undergraduate students who went to Washington, D.C., to protest Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist's (R-Tenn) threat to exercise the "nuclear option" of removing the Senate filibuster against court nominees. As of press time, a contingent of moderate senators had come to an agreement that would put the nominees to a full vote on the Senate floor.

But the effort by the students inspired Mr. Nader.

"There's a perfect example of an innovation by a small number of students which has captured the imagination of a lot of people around the country," he said. "There's a lot of potential."

Mr. Nader recalled that "fifty years ago there were no women at Princeton, automobiles had few safety features, African Americans had few civil rights, many classmates smoked cigarettes (in the classrooms) and knew nothing about the food they consumed. The Clean Air and Water Acts were not even conceived."

— Matthew Hersh

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Reunions Events

The Baccalaureate service will take place at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 29, in the University Chapel. The speaker will be author Toni Morrison, the Robert F. Goheen Professor in the Humanities at Princeton. The Baccalaureate service will be simulcast on a screen outside of the chapel as well as in Richardson Auditorium, Alexander Hall; McCosh 10 and 50; McCormick 101; and Betts Auditorium, School of Architecture; tickets are required at the simulcast sites.

The Class Day ceremony for seniors is set for 10:30 a.m. Monday on Cannon Green (Jadwin Gym in case of severe weather). The speaker will be comedian Chevy Chase. Class Day will be simulcast in McCosh 10 and 50, and Commencement will be simulcast in Richardson Auditorium, Alexander Hall; no tickets are required at these simulcast sites.

The Hooding ceremony for advanced degree candidates will begin at 5 p.m. Monday in McCarter Theatre.

The University's 258th Commencement ceremony is slated for 11 a.m. Tuesday on the lawn in front of Nassau Hall (Jadwin Gym in case of severe weather). The Baccalaureate, Hooding and Commencement ceremonies will be broadcast live on TigerNet Channel 7 on campus and on Channel 27 on Princeton cable television.

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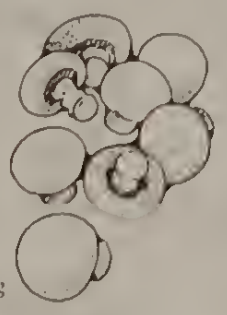
If you're lukcy enough to get your hands on some great mushroom caps — perhaps beautiful shiitake or even just some nice portobellos — this is a change from the regular egg-and-bread-crumb filling. Don't hesitate to vary the seasonings or even the type of meat. There is no reason to ever stuff a mushroom the same way twice.

4 servings

Ingredients

- 1 lb ground chicken
- 1 cup cooked and drained spinach or 1 oz package frozen chopped spinach, thawed.
- 1 egg
- 2 tblsp olive oil
- 1 tblsp Italian seasoning
- 2 tsp garlic salt
- ½ tsp freshly ground black pepper
- 8 large mushroom caps



Preheat the oven to 325°F. Grease a baking sheet.

Mix the chicken, spinach, egg, oil, seasoning, garlic salt, and pepper together in a large bowl. When they are completely blended, spoon the mixture into the mushroom caps. Place them on the prepared baking sheet, stuffed sides up, and put them in the oven. Bake for 40 minutes, until the filling is cooked and the mushrooms are tender. Serve warm.

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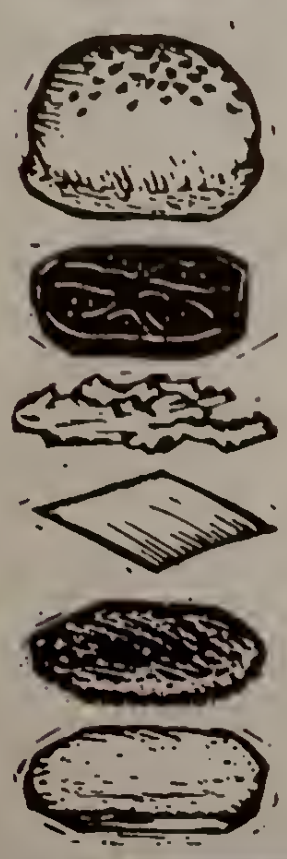

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Snowden Proposal

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Wetlands Letter of Interpretation (LOI) by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) obtained by the current property owner, Myerson Associates. Residents say that mention of the existence of an active, year-round stream that runs through the property was omitted in the LOI. The stream drains the Herrontown Woods Preserve and connects to Harry's Brook. R. William Potter, attorney for the residents, had unsuccessfully attempted to delay the application hearing, according to officials at the office of the Planning Board. A set of prepared statements by Mr. Potter said that Mr. Schwartz did not object to a continuance.

In August, a group known as the Herrontown Woods Citizens Association called on the DEP to review the LOI, but, according to Mr. Potter, the DEP said it had misplaced the original LOI files. In light of that, the Association and Mr. Potter have asked the DEP to void the LOI and re-evaluate the property. DEP has indicated that new site inspections will occur.

Mr. Schwartz said he would attempt to address all concerns raised by both the Planning Board and the residents: "Our goal from the get-go is to come up with something that we had hoped would be non-controversial simply because it complies with all the Township's regulations."

The property was first purchased in 1958 by the Myerson family, who had settled there to raise a family until leaving the area in the late 1960s. The family decided to sell the property "several years ago," according to Mr. Schwartz.

—Matthew Hersh

Princeton Library Presents Forum on Human Rights

As a follow-up to the Princeton Human Rights Film Festival, the Princeton Public Library will continue to focus experience related to Human Rights, followed by audience participation.

"Violations of human rights occur just about everywhere that one looks for them," said Pamela Groves, the festival's organizer. "We need to learn what our human rights are, engage in their evolution, insist on respect for them, and keep ourselves informed about local and international affairs relevant to them."

It is in this spirit that the Princeton Public Library inaugurated the first Human Rights Film Festival in Princeton, which was held May 12-15. As an institution dedicated to free public information and education, the Princeton Public Library wants to stimulate debate and discussion on the subject of human rights; and the medium of film, so accessible and appealing, seems an equally ideal means of accomplishing this.

For more information, contact Ms. Groves at (609) 924-9529, ext. 244, or Susan Roth, at (609) 924-9529, ext. 257.

CELEBRATING HISTORY: The Waxwood's architect, J. Robert Hillier, speaks with 102-year-old Susie Ione Brown Waxwood, wife of Howard B. Waxwood, Jr., for whom the building is named. Residents gathered on Thursday at the newly restored apartment building's location on Quarry Street to celebrate the preservation of the building, a former school and nursing home. *(Photo by George Vogel)*

Residents Celebrate History Of The Waxwood Building

The Waxwood, the recently-opened apartment building in the John-Witherspoon Neighborhood, has been formally designated a National Historic Register site.

Residents, local officials, and longtime members of the community, including 102-year-old Susie Ione Brown Waxwood, gathered last Thursday to celebrate the designation.

Originally built in 1858, the former school and nursing home on Quarry Street was bought three years ago by Architect J. Robert Hillier, FAIA, who restored it and converted it into a condominium residence. Formally known as the Witherspoon School for Colored Children, it was renamed The Waxwood, in honor of Mrs. Waxwood's late husband, Howard B. Waxwood, Jr., principal at the school between 1936 and 1948.

Under construction for two years, the now completed building has approximately 25 percent of its units for moderate-income households. Of the 34 total designated units, five have been reserved as affordable housing units for residents of the John-Witherspoon community who have lived there for 10 years, or are direct descendents of those who have lived there. Three more units will later be available to rent and purchase as affordable housing units under the Borough's affordable housing guidelines.

A non-profit organization established by Mr. Hillier, the Waxwood Foundation provides John Witherspoon residents with 20 percent of the purchase price. Renters receive a 10 percent rent subsidy. Because of the historic nature of the building, all of the housing units must be rented for five years before they can be bought. Monthly rentals range from $800 for the affordable housing units, to $3,500 for two-bedroom units.

Thirty-one of the 34 units have been rented out. The first of the building's inhabitants moved in on November 15.

Mr. Hillier's development plan involved the rehabilitation of the building through the Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentive Program, which entitles owners of historic properties to a credit of 20 percent of rehabilitation costs, if the plans closely resemble the building's original structure.

The architect has retained the original brick exterior, and the ceilings and windows were returned to their original heights of 12 feet and 8.5 feet, respectively.

Among the features that were added to The Waxwood were a piazza with a fountain on the west side, and several private gardens attached to individual units.

Waxwood's History

The Waxwood was established as the Witherspoon School for Colored Children in 1908, where it accommodated more than 300 African-American children from kindergarten through eighth grade. As the student population grew, a gymnasium/auditorium and new playground were added to the building in 1939.

In 1947, segregation of public schools was declared unconstitutional in New Jersey, and and the "Princeton Plan" was established, making the building the Borough's new junior high school. The building was turned into the Princeton Nursing Home in 1966, when the John Witherspoon Middle School was built.

After the nursing home moved to its new location on Bunn Drive in 2002, the building was bought by Mr. Hillier, who, after speaking to neighbors, decided to preserve its original structure because of its significance to the community.

Mr. Hillier is the founder and president of Hillier Architecture, headquartered in Princeton. Founded in 1966, the company has renovated and adapted seven residential properties in the Princeton area for residential use.

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Opened by Warren Hulit, it has been "All in the Family" ever since. His children, Ralph, Pete, Clara, Nellie, and Lillian were all involved in the store (another son, Gus, owned The Cummins Shop, a popular Princeton gift shop). Today, Clara's son Chuck Simone and his wife, Phyllis, are the owners of Hulit's.

IT'S NEW To Us

The Simones' son, Ryan, is also on staff, representing the fourth generation of Hulit family members in the store.

"I worked in the store after school and on weekends," recalls Mr. Simone, "and my father Charlie Simone was also at the store. A lot of my cousins worked here, too, to see if they liked it."

In addition, generations of customers from the same family have been loyal patrons. Kids, who got their first baby shoes at Hulit's now have children or grandchildren also getting their shoes at the store.

"We have fifth generation customers — little ones!" says Mr. Simone. "We have had very loyal customers, and one of the nice things is that many of them have become friends."

Resident Genius

Princeton has had its share of celebrities, who also need shoes, and one of Hulit's most cherished memories was the opportunity to fit the feet of the town's resident genius, Albert Einstein, in 1952.

According to a recent Time Magazine report, Professor Einstein's secretary rang the store, requesting an emergency house call. Dr. Einstein's feet hurt, and he suspected ill-fitting shoes.

Partner Pete Hulit arrived at 112 Mercer Street with a foot measurer and a few pairs of shoes. Professor Einstein, attempting to find the source of his discomfort, had sketched a diagram of his shoes, indicating the pattern of foot pressure. One labeled "bad" identified pressure on the outside of his foot.

Mr. Hulit decided that Einstein needed bigger shoes. A pair of black shoes were comfortable, and the famous physicist signed his name to his shoe drawing and gave it to Pete Hulit. It remains a prize possession of Mr. Hulit today.

Shoe styles have undergone dramatic changes since Einstein's day, and Hulit's has seen trends come and go. One that seems here to stay is the public's demand for comfortable footwear.

Comfort as an issue has been around for 15 years, reports Mr. Simone, and it is evidenced in the big selection of walking shoes, athletic shoes of all kinds, clogs, sandals, and dress shoes with comfort features.

Comfort Shoes

"Comfort is the biggest change I've seen," he says. "A lot of people started wearing sneakers, and then the shoe companies began to make comfort shoes that felt like sneakers, so there was an alternative.

"The idea of comfort was in all areas of dress, not just shoes," he adds. "When I first worked here, we always wore jackets and ties. It's much more informal today.

"Also," he continues, "as comfort evolved in the society, some shoe brands disappeared. Many American factories closed, and there is more European influence in shoes today."

Customers will have no problem finding a comfortable fit at Hulit's. A full range of styles and brands in all categories is available for men, women, and children of all ages.

There is a colorful array of children's shoes for infants, toddlers and up, including the flexible footwear that helps the foot to develop properly.

For spring and summer, color is key, especially in women's and children's shoes," says Mr. Simone.

Bright Colors

"A new division of Clarks, Indigo, has sandals in a lot of bright colors, including flats and heels. These are very popular, fun sandals. Clarks has a lot of color and style, and are exclusive to Hulit's in the area.

"All kinds of patterns and designs are also seen in kids' shoes today," he adds.

Sandals have been a big item for April and May, and all colors are popular. Clogs continue to be in demand, especially for women, but many men wear them as well.

Dansko is a favorite line for clogs, sandals, and shoes, and Teva sandals are a very popular new spring choice. Thong sandals from Teva and Clarks are especially hot, and four sales persons at Hulit's were seen wearing them on a recent Tuesday.

Comfort extends to dress shoes for men and women, points out Mr. Simone. "BeautiFeel comfort dress shoes from Israel are offered in many styles today, and there is a variety of dress shoes for men, including the traditional Johnston & Murphy line. Even they have more comfort features, such as more padding in the inner soles."

On the more informal side, Ecco offers casual comfort shoes for men, as does Josef Seibel — "The European Comfort Shoe". Timberland is always popular, and SAS is particularly suited for the wider foot.

Come-Back

Timberland and Topsider boat shoes have resurfaced, both for men and women. Another come-back is the famous Earth shoe, with its "negative" heel, also for men and women.

Choices for children are more abundant then ever. "Sandals for girls are very popular, and there are lots with little flowers and designs," reports Mr. Simone. "Lots and lots of color, including in slip-ons, is big this season."

The Primigi line from Italy is popular for kids, as is UMI, a new brand, run by the same group that formerly operated Elefanten, now discontinued.

Athletic shoes of all kinds, especially Geox with "breathable" soles, are favorites with boys, who also like Teva sandals, and moccasins. Beaded moccasins are back again, and in lots of colors for girls.

IF THE SHOE FITS: "We fit people's feet. We take time to make sure the fit is right." Ryan Simone (left) and Chuck Simone, owner of Hulit's Shoes, emphasize personal service at the longtime Nassau Street store, which also provides socks and shoe accessories.

Hulit's has a wide price range, and offers two annual sales, as well as many weekend specials.

With 1800 shoes on display, the store has something for everyone (including the stylish stilleto heels with sharply pointed toes).

"We go to six or seven shows a year, all over the country to see new styles and trends in footwear," notes Mr. Simone, who is aware of his clientele's preferences, but adds, "Sometimes you have to take a chance. You never really know what will be popular. Sometimes, things you think will be a hit aren't, and others you didn't expect to be, really take off. You never know."

He is very happy his son Ryan has joined the staff, and "I look forward to seeing Hulit's continue as a family business. There aren't many stores like ours anymore. This kind of family-operated shoe store, with shoes for the whole family, is becoming a rarity.

"We offer a lot of personal attention — we stress service — and a friendly face. We just want to help people get the shoes they want. I think people like the way they are treated here."

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Growing up in Scotland, Lisa Watson was disappointed that she could not have a pet. She has more than made up for it now.

Owner of A-Door-A-Pet, the special pet sitting service, Ms. Watson and her staff have up to 50 clients at any given time, including many regulars.

"I always loved animals, but I had asthma as a child, and couldn't have one," explains Ms. Watson. "When I was an adult, however, the asthma went away, and I immediately got a Great Dane!"

Her family had moved from Scotland to Canada, then to New York, when Lisa was 15. After graduating from nursing school with a degree in psychology, she and her husband opened a health spa in West Windsor, which they operated for 17 years.

"Then, the Princeton Recreation Department asked me to set up an aerobics program, which I did, and we had it for 10 years," adds Ms. Watson.

"After I retired, I was bored, and my daughter said, 'Do something you love!'"

Daily Visits

That, in a nutshell, is how Ms. Watson became owner of this thriving pet sitting operation, which offers daily, daytime, overnight, and long-term care for animals.

"I thought of how I loved animals," she notes. "I started in Princeton with daily visits to walk dogs when people were working. Then, it took on a life of its own. There was a lot of word-of-mouth, and it just grew."

Typically, she explains, the animals remain in their home, and the A-Door-A-Pet representative will visit to feed and water the animal, walk dogs, spend time with them, and stay overnight if the owners are away.

"The pet is never left alone at night," says Ms. Watson. "If the owners are away, one of our staff sleeps at the house."

This can occasionally test the resolve of even the most devoted animal lover. Ms. Watson reports on one situation in which a dog repeatedly woke the A-Door-A-Pet staffer at 4 a.m. to go out.

"She finally had to retrain that behavior," says Ms. Watson, with a smile, adding that the great majority of time, everything goes very smoothly, without incident.

If an animal should become ill, Ms. Watson and her staff are there to provide medication, and if necessary, make an emergency trip to the vet or clinic.

"We have spent the night with an animal in an emergency hospital," she says. "My husband Robert takes us down to Longhorne Emergency, if need be."

Short Notice

A-Door-A-Pet can also be there for people on short notice, adds Ms. Watson. "Sometimes, people call us when they're on the way to the airport, when there is a sudden emergency. They know we will be there for them. This is a very personal business. We can always have someone there on short notice."

It is also a big trust issue, she points out. "When someone gives you the key to their home, this is an enormous demonstration of trust. Our staff is extremely special and trustworthy. Our lives revolve around the animals. If I have a talent, it's that I am able to have wonderful people working with me. You are only as good as your staff."

Animals under A-Door-A-Pet's charge have never been left unattended, even under the most extreme circumstances, she says. "We are there for them at all hours. Not one animal has ever not been taken care of because of weather conditions, no matter how severe.

"We're there to take the dogs out or feed the cats at all times. Our clients know there are very few people you can totally count on, but once you are a customer of ours, we are only a phone call away."

A-Door-A-Pet's animals include dogs and cats (the majority), rabbits, birds, fish, turtles, iguanas, hamsters, guinea pigs, and one pot-bellied pig.

"He had his own bedroom, and we took him out in his yard or on the leash for a walk," reports Ms. Watson.

Own Yard

"Recently, we have been taking care of Martha, a wonderful rabbit that has her own yard and her own personal living quarters. She really has a very lovely living arrangement."

When A-Door-A-Pet takes on a new client, the staffers go to the home, meet owner and pet, get information regarding special diet, medicine, toys, and name of the vet. At times, instructions for special needs pets, such as the very elderly or disabled, are necessary.

Sometimes, owners will want music to be played for the animal; others call every day to talk to their pet while they are away.

"I never go out without leaving a radio on for a pet," says Ms. Watson. "It is comforting for them."

Whether they spend just a few days, a week, a month or more, with the animals, the A-door-A-Pet staff derives great pleasure from the experience, she adds.

"If you are an animal lover, there is no greater joy than walking in to see an animal and knowing that you are comforting and caring for it. These animals smile at me when I arrive! Any animal that you treat properly will respond to you.

"Also, sometimes, people feel guilty when they are away from their animals, and we relieve that anxiety."

More people have pets today than at any time, she adds, and many got them after September 11, 2001, she says. "It was an affirmation of life, a continuum. Pets are so comforting, and also, studies show that petting an animal reduces blood pressure."

Little Dog

Not surprisingly, after 15 years of caring for animals, Ms. Watson has a variety of anecdotes, humorous and poignant, about her charges.

"One story involved a little dog, Jamie, that brought a couple together. The owner was in rehabilitation, and our assistant took Jamie to see him every day for three months. Now, they are getting married! Sadly, Jamie died recently, but she brought a wonderful couple together."

Ms. Watson adds that individuals who have lost a loved one can receive great comfort from an animal, and also when a beloved pet has died, getting another can offer solace.

"When your pet has died, you won't replace him or her, but you can honor them by getting another as soon as possible. It's the serenity the animals offer, the understanding they have — it's really another level of understanding. They can be intuitive about the feelings and thoughts of people.

"And if you get one from an animal shelter, it is very special. They know when they are being saved."

A-Door-A-Pet has five full-time and at least 18 part-time staff members, who range in age from 21 to 75. Matching the right person with the right client is a priority, and Ms. Watson and the staff are painstaking in their efforts to get it right.

"We look forward to continuing our work, and doing more of the same," she adds. "Remember, if you need specific, special care for your animal, we are just a call away."

A-Door-A-Pet can be reached at 609-987-1117.

—Jean Stratton

FRIENDLY FACES: "More people have pets today, and many have more than one pet. I do believe there is a lot better level of consciousness about the ethical treatment of animals, but we still have a long way to go." Lisa Watson (right), owner of the A-Door-A-Pet animal care service, is shown with staff members: manager Cindy Valush (left), Victoria Estok, Heather Fener, and client Rocky, a handsome Burmese Mountain dog.

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Human Rights Film Festival Brought More Than 1,000 Viewers to Library

To the Editor:

Violations of human rights occur just about everywhere one looks for them. Consequently, the subject of human rights is of central importance to every human being on the planet. We need to learn what our human rights are, engage in their evolution, insist on respect for them, and keep ourselves informed about local and international affairs relevant to them. In the final analysis, ordinary people define human rights, benefit from them, and instruct governments, world leaders, and international organizations on their observance.

It was in this spirit that the Princeton Public Library inaugurated the first Human Rights Film Festival from May 12 to May 15, where 1,080 people watched and discussed 15 films over the four-day period. As an institution dedicated to free public information and education, the Library seems an ideal forum in which to stimulate discussion on the subject of human rights; and the medium of film, so accessible and appealing, seems an equally ideal means of accomplishing this.

Thanks are owed to the organizing committee, the staff at the Public Library, the Friends of the Public Library, the local press, and the many members of the community who helped to make this so successful. I would also like to thank our co-sponsors: Global Cinema Café, Princeton University, ABC Literacy, Amnesty International-local chapter, P.O.V. (PBS), and National Video Resources for their generous contributions.

The films at the Festival covered broad territory. Yes, there was brutality and wickedness in the films, but there was also love, forgiveness, kindness, courage, and wisdom. We hope that after experiencing these four days of films, people will be inspired to be agents of positive change locally and globally. Perhaps this is what Einstein meant when he said, "remember your humanity and forget the rest."

We invite all to continue the conversation about human rights in a forum on Thursday, June 2 at 7 p.m. at the Library. Please watch for more information.

PAMELA GROVES
Princeton Human Rights Film Festival Coordinator
Princeton Public Library

Planning Board Is Asked to Respect Advice of Citizens' Group on Hospital

Note: The following is an Open Letter to members of the Princeton Regional Planning Board.

To the Editor:

I have closely followed the activities of Princeton Future since its initial meeting in the fall of 2000. For the next two years I attended all of their public meetings, and was fascinated by the unfolding view of Princeton and the efforts of so many citizens to understand and solve the problems of the downtown. Now, as a member of the steering committee of Princeton Future, I have a deeper understanding of the goals and procedures of this citizens' group. Starting in September, they began to focus on the evolution of Witherspoon Street and the eventual development of the hospital site after the hospital moves. I have great respect for their public work.

Since the fall, Princeton Future's many public meetings and workshops have attracted a wide spectrum of ideas from the residents of the hospital neighborhood and the town. A volunteer Advisory Group drawn from these participants has worked hard and in good faith to draw planning guidelines and a range of concept plans for the site. This whole undertaking represents a high level of civic cooperation in addressing a complex problem that impacts us all. It is exactly this kind of broad-based, inclusive involvement of citizens that can lead to wise planning.

For these reasons I urge the Regional Planning Board to continue the public process begun at its April 21 meeting. The report to be given by Princeton Future on May 26 represents an important engagement by the public in the discussion of the hospital site. The public has spoken through all the meetings held by Princeton Future. This public voice should be given ample time to be heard before specific options are brought forth by other groups.

SUSAN HOCKADAY
Fitzrandolph Road

A Simple Alternative to Tax Increases: End Duplicated Government Services

To the Editor:

Last week's news was that Princeton Borough Council was able to pass a new budget with spending at the same level as last year. Despite that remarkable feat, the Borough budget taxes are still going up $.05 per hundred dollars of assessed property value. When combined with the School expense budget increases, the Borough taxes are going up a total $.14 per hundred.

The Council and the School Board are congratulating themselves on a job well done. What is not being said is that the tax increase for home owners for next year is a whopping 8.8 percent. Have any of you received an 8.8 percent pay increase this year? Have you retirees received an 8.8 percent increase in retirement benefits this year?

I do not know a single person who is not distressed by what is going on with our taxes. We have received record tax increases over the past several years to pay for the school construction and now an additional 8.8 percent. When the Council and the School Board talk about "pennies per hundred" and "average assessed values" they hide the hard calculations.

There is one very quick and relatively painless solution that could hold down taxes is future years. It is time to end the duplication of government services for the 14,000 Borough residents and the 16,000 Township residents. Our community of 30,000 can barely afford one city government, and for us to have to support two is ludicrous. The merger could be phased in so that the pain to our dedicated community workers would not be severe, and in many cases — like the police department — the size of the combined force would be the same as the two individual departments. But surely, the best way to really care about our community expenses is to eliminate the duplication that created the Township and Borough Halls.

My bet is that the only vigorous defense of the two governments will come from the elected officials themselves.

STEPHEN T. SCHREIBER
Prospect Avenue

Minor Municipal Garage Adjustments Would Make Good Facility Even Better

To the Editor:

Reading letters from those who have opposed the municipal parking garage and other construction surrounding Princeton's beautiful new library, it appears to me that most of them live within walking distance of downtown. I can understand why some people might want to preserve the downtown for themselves. But I'm not sure that sentiment has been shared by the merchants and restaurateurs who have lost business due to the parking difficulties experienced by those of us who cannot walk from our homes to downtown Princeton.

Now that the municipal parking garage has been mostly completed, I would like to comment on how much I have enjoyed using it. Having a sheltered, affordable place to park without fear of being ticketed for overtime parking has made my frequent visits a genuine pleasure, rather than a chore. I look forward to the completion and opening of the plaza next to the library and to the restaurant and stores that will be behind it.

The plaza, storefronts, and apartments are already much more attractive to me than the ugly old parking lot that was in that location for so many years. I'm also grateful that the Borough Council will not be allowing smokers to ruin the outdoor experience for those of us who are allergic to smoke.

Despite my mostly positive experience with the new municipal garage, I do have several suggestions that I believe will further improve it for minimal cost.

Motorists who enter the parking garage from the library side, and who are driving mid-size or larger cars, cannot get close enough to the ticket dispensing machine to reach it without opening their car doors, thus slowing things down. Motorists who are lined up behind cars trying to exit the garage on the library side usually block other motorists from using the Spring Street exit. There are simple solutions to these problems.

Reverse direction of the one-way driveway next to the library and have cars enter the garage to the left of the exit instead of to its right. This can be done by reversing the present library-side parking lot entrance and exit, so cars waiting to leave the parking building will be on the left, leaving the garage. Having the cars line up on the left, stops those cars from blocking the Spring Street exit for anyone parked above the lowest levels. An added benefit would be that the book and AV drop boxes can be located next to the library building instead of in their current location across the driveway. The increasing use of the municipal garage is a testament to its value in our community. With these minor adjustments, it can be even better.

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New Opera Company and Its Founders Earn an Admirer's Standing Ovation

To the Editor:

Something new and wonderful has come to Princeton under the banner of the New Jersey Opera Theater. The performance of *Il Trovatore* in concert at Richardson on Friday, May 6, was more than spectacular, with stars from the Metropolitan Opera, a 55-piece orchestra, and a chorus under the leadership of Maestro Michael Recchiuti, a seasoned opera conductor who has conducted companies in Venice and other European and American venues. When one can not only follow the story line in Italian with no prompts but is kept on the edge of his seat for the whole performance it can only mean that one is in the presence of overwhelming talent. And overwhelming it was, with the likes of Elizabeth Blancke-Biggs as Leonora, Allan Glassman as Manrico, Peter Castaldi as Conte di Luna, and Eugenie Grunwald playing the gypsy Azucena.

This company has scheduled *Figoro, Borber of Seville,* and *Cherebin* with costumes, staging, and a full orchestra for this coming August in the Berlind Theatre. If the quality of these productions is anywhere near what we saw at Richardson, Princeton is in for opera rivaling that seen in New York and Philadelphia.

Perhaps the most incredible part is that this new company was founded just three years ago by Scott and Lisa Altman, both seasoned performers but neither of whom had run an organization like the New Jersey Opera Theater. Yes, I know they had assistance from a board and some helpers, but it was the Altmans who provided the drive and the inspiration for the project.

We are blessed to have such talent and devotion.

BOB LEVINE
Linwood Circle

Extension of "Dinky" into Plainsboro Would Offer Cost-Effective Transit

To the Editor:

Is it time to resurrect an economic Plainsboro-Princeton Dinky?

I have long been a proponent of the two-mile Dinky extension from Princeton Junction into Plainsboro. The purpose of a Plainsboro Dinky Station would be to permit train access for residents, workers, and reverse commuters, via interconnection, to New York, Philadelphia, and beyond, for residential and Forrestal commercial seniors communities. It would also permit excellent access to Newark Airport. Taxpayer and corporate money currently spent ferrying passengers to and from Plainsboro to Princeton Junction, New York City, and the airports, could more cost-effectively be spent on a Dinky to Princeton Junction.

This could occur within existing right-of-way with a refurbished railbed. Over the past 18 years I have tried to effect a public-private partnership with Merrill Lynch, New Jersey Transit, and Plainsboro Township. I believe we could add additional progressive corporate partners such as Bristol-Myers Squibb and Forrestal Center. The new owners of the Merrill property should recognize the obvious benefits of being able to entertain guests, conferences, and training opportunities via the Dinky to its doorstep.

I believe we need to put money toward actual construction, instead of studying it ad nauseam. George Warrington, Executive Director of New Jersey Transit, is the former president of Amtrak. Amtrak controls the right of way and its current financial plight presents a unique opportunity.

The key? A public-private partnership which will bring our business and residential communities together with untold benefits.

Continued existence of the Dinky is based on the argument that it feeds additional passenger revenue into New Jersey Transit/Amtrak. It provides improved access between and among the communities of Princeton University, Princeton Borough, Princeton Junction, and Plainsboro. Such an expansion meets that economic test. It also permits the equipment to be more effectively utilized during extended periods of downtime awaiting the arrivals/departures of trains at Princeton Junction.

In light of ever-increasing energy and transportation costs, this might be an excellent time to revisit this idea. The universe of those who would benefit from this extension has expanded. We have many area transportation consortia, planners, and community leaders who might scrutinize this. The planners have had their way for 20 years; now it is time to do something.

I would like to invite area leaders to look at this two-mile extension to see if the benefits outweigh the drawbacks.

PETER R. WEALE
Fisher Place

Open Hearts of Princeton Community Benefitted ESL Programs at YWCA

To the Editor:

On behalf of the YWCA Princeton, I want to thank the Princeton community for so generously supporting "Noche de Danza — A Latin Extravaganza," a gala event on May 12 to benefit the YWCA's ESL Literacy Initiative. The well-attended and festive evening at The Tournament Players Club at Jasna Polana raised funding important to the YWCA's comprehensive ESL Literacy program that encompasses the services of the Child Care Center at the Valley Road School as well as ESL Literacy classes.

The YWCA Princeton extends special thanks to June Pecora, Pamela Bristol, Mb Barber, Susan Carril, Jane Dennison, Suzanne Dyckman, Margee Harper, Alisha Hastings-Kimball, Judy Klitgaard, Marie Matthews, Suzanne McCroskey, Harriette McLoughlin, Doodie Meyer, Barbara Purnell, Carol Salus, Marge Smith, Barbara Straut, and Andrea Taylor for their special talents, hard work, and dedication as part of the benefit committee.

The executive chef at Jasna Polana, Ryan Dionne, Scott Anderson of the Lawrenceville Inn, David Erolano of Chambers Walk, and Karen Child of Village Bakery presented a carefully chosen and finely crafted four-course gourmet dinner steeped in Latin flavors. The YWCA also appreciates the in-kind contributions of the Flower Station, Kale's Nursery, Mb Barber Designs, McCaffrey's Wine and Spirits, MSM Graphics, Salsa Georgia Dance, Starbucks Coffee, and The Winged Pig.

The YWCA Princeton's ESL Literacy Initiative serves low-income, limited literacy, non-English speaking families, especially mothers and their children, in the Princeton area. Proceeds from the fund-raiser will help provide early education and cultural enrichment to pre-school children at the Child Care Center at the Valley Road School to assure that they achieve school success and kindergarten readiness. Many of the families in the program receive scholarship assistance that will be supported by the May 12 event.

For adult family members, The YWCA's ESL Literacy Initiative provides classes at minimal rates so that participants can attain greater self-sufficiency and be active educational partners with their children.

The YWCA Princeton deeply appreciates the generous support of corporations, foundations, and agencies which have helped to fund the ESL Literacy Initiative, including Bristol Myers-Squibb, Family and Children's Services of Central New Jersey, Grad Group of YWCA Princeton, Healing House, J. Seward Johnson Sr. Trust, Losam Fund, Mary Owen Borden Foundation, Mercer County, PNC Bank, Princeton Area Community Foundation, Rotary Club of Princeton, The Fred C. Rummel Foundation, The Gertrude E. Skelly Charitable Foundation, Starbucks Foundation, Tyco International, and United Way of Mercer County.

On a personal note, as I have recently assumed my responsibilities with the YWCA Princeton, I am deeply moved by the extensive involvement of the community with the worthwhile work and life-altering programs of the YW. I am particularly gratified to see the eagerness with which corporations, volunteers, members, and supporters embrace the many undertakings of the YWCA to provide opportunities for women and their children to learn and grow.

Thank you, the Princeton community, for your open hearts and generous support.

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CALENDAR

Wednesday, May 25

7:30 p.m.: Township Zoning Board of Adjustment; Township Municipal Complex.

8 p.m.: Mercer County Community Band concert; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Free.

Thursday, May 26

11:30 a.m.: Storytime for Children 2 to 4; Barnes & Noble, MarketFair, Route 1.

7 p.m.: *Honk!, Jr.*; Cor Unum, Stuart Country Day School of the Sacred Heart.

7:30 p.m.: *Hamlet*; Berlind Theatre. Also Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 3 and 8 p.m.; Sunday at 2 and 7:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: *Hannah and Martin*; Hamilton-Murray Theatre, Murray-Dodge Hall. Also Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

Friday, May 27

4:30 p.m.: Talk and book signing with Paul Krugman, author of *The Great Unraveling*; Princeton University Store.

7 p.m.: Talk and book signing with Ted Fishman, author of *China, Inc.: How the Rise of the Next Superpower Challenges America and the World*; Princeton University Store.

8 p.m.: *Shady Business*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: Reunions Organ Recital; Princeton University Chapel.

8 p.m.: Princeton University Triangle Club Show, *Orange and Black to the Future*; McCarter Theatre. Also Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 28

8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Annual Rotary Club Pancake Breakfast; Palmer Square Green.

10 a.m.: Memorial Day Parade; Nassau Street from Princeton Avenue to Borough Hall.

10 a.m.: Talk and book signing with Emil Salvini, author of *Hobey Baker, American Legend*; Princeton University Store.

11 a.m.: Talk and book signing with Michio Kaku, author of *Parallel Worlds*; Princeton University Store.

4 p.m.: Talk and book signing with Jennifer Anne Kogler, author of *Ruby Tuesday*; Princeton University Store.

5 p.m.: Talk and book signing with Eve LaPlante, author of *American Jezebel*; Princeton University Store.

8:30 p.m.: Reggae band Midnight Rebellion; Small World Coffee, 14 Witherspoon Street.

Sunday, May 29

12:30 p.m.: Talk and book signing with Eva Siroka, author of *Maddelena*; Princeton University Store.

Monday, May 30
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Tuesday, May 31

7:30 p.m.: Princeton Township Zoning Board of Adjustment; Township Municipal Complex.

8 p.m.: Singer-songwriter Bruce Hornsby; McCarter Theatre.

Wednesday, June 1

7 p.m.: Adult Film Series, *Beyond the Macho Myth*; Princeton Public Library.

7:30 p.m.: *Hamlet*; Berlind Theatre. Also Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 3 and 8 p.m.; Sunday at 2 and 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 2

11:30 a.m.: Storytime for Children 2 to 4; Barnes & Noble, MarketFair, Route 1.

6 p.m.: Princeton Brass; Princeton Shopping Center Courtyard. Free.

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TRUCK FIRE: A contractor's truck caught fire Monday morning in front of Teresa's Cafe. To prevent potential disaster involving nearby buildings, former Chief of Engine 63 Raymond Wadsworth drove the truck down to Hulfish Street, where crews brought the fire under control. *(Photo by E.J. Greenblat)*

Fire Wire

The Princeton Fire Department responded to more than 15 calls between May 16 and May 23. Fire and carbon monoxide alarms were set off due to faulty systems or dust created by contractors on location at Prospect Avenue, Herrontown Road, Bayard Lane, Mount Lucas Road, and Windermere Way.

Tower 62 responded to a Brickhouse Road residence on May 16, for a report of an uncontrolled water leak. First arriving responders found up to a foot of water in the basement of the structure. The water to the building was shut off while the leak was isolated and repaired.

On May 17, Fire Rescue 61 and Engine 63 responded to South Harrison Street for a motor vehicle accident. Crews provided fire suppression while the First Aid Squad extricated a patient from the vehicle.

Later that day, all companies responded to a general alarm fire at Holder Hall on the Princeton University campus for a dumpster on fire immediately adjacent to a structure. It was the second dumpster fire on University property in three days. The bulk of the fire was knocked down before it could enter the building through several windows which were blown out by the intense fire. Crews were on scene for almost three hours.

On May 18, crews responded to Rosedale Road for fluids in the roadway secondary to a motor vehicle accident.

Later that afternoon, crews responded to a report of wires arcing in a tree on Princeton Kingston Road. While apparatus was on scene, several wires broke, making the roadway impassable. Tree branches also fell into the roadway. Crews secured the scene while PSE&G repaired the wires.

On May 19, Engine 63 responded to a report of a garbage truck on fire on Nassau Street near Bank Street. There was no truck at that location but the truck was reported to then be in the parking lot of the Merwick Rehabilitation Hospital. Upon arrival, crews found only a small piece of paper under the truck that had been extinguished.

Later that day, Tower 62 responded to a reported oven fire at a residence on John Street. Upon arrival a light smoke condition was found to be caused by a malfunctioning oven.

On the morning of May 23, all three stations were detailed to a fully involved fire in a box truck on Palmer Square. Crews quickly brought the fire under control, despite a propane tank on fire in the back of the truck.

Later that morning, Tower 62 and Engine 62 responded to a report of a smell of smoke at a residence on Princeton Avenue. Investigation revealed that oven cleaning fluid had dripped on the heating element of the oven, causing the smoke condition.

The Princeton Fire Department is one of the oldest volunteer fire departments in the country, with 50 active members that respond to emergency calls each year. Last year the fire department responded to 1,200 fire emergency calls within the community. The department is always looks for more members to join. If interested, call (609) 497-7645, or (609) 731-1314.

Rescue Report

The Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad responded to 62 calls between May 14 and May 20. A total of 24 of these were located in Princeton Township, 32 were in Princeton Borough, and six were in neighboring municipalities. Included in these numbers were 15 calls to Princeton University.

On Saturday, May 14, the Squad was dispatched to Princeton University for a man in cardiac arrest in Dillon gymnasium. Seven Squad members, already on campus for a drill, arrived on scene less than two minutes after initial dispatch to find bystanders and Princeton University Public Safety performing CPR and attempting to defibrillate the individual. The Squad took over patient care, quickly loaded the man into the ambulance, and met Capital Health Systems paramedics en route to the University Medical Center at Princeton (UMCP). Despite the prompt delivery of CPR, defibrillation, and advanced life support, the patient expired shortly after arriving at the hospital.

On the evening of Saturday, May 14, the Squad responded to the intersection of Witherspoon Street and Valley Road for an elderly man with an altered mental status. When questioned by the EMS crew, he asserted that he was 32 years old, Richard Nixon was the president, and he was currently in San Francisco. The crew transported the man to UMCP for further evaluation.

On Monday afternoon, May 16, the Squad was dispatched for a 3-year-old child with her hand stuck in a door hinge. The crew was forced to use a reciprocating saw to cut the door hinge apart. Once cut, the hinge was disassembled from around the patient's fingers, the ambulance crew splinted the child's hand, and transported her to UMCP.

On Friday morning, May 20, the Squad's technical rescue truck and ambulance were dispatched for a motor vehicle accident with entrapment at the border of Princeton and West Windsor, on Alexander Road. Princeton's first arriving ambulance found a car perched precariously on an embankment with the front half of the vehicle hanging over a wooden retaining wall, suspended several feet above the ground. The driver was still inside the vehicle and complained of neck and back pain. The Squad, along with West Windsor Emergency Services, stabilized the vehicle from falling any further and extricated the driver, placing him on a backboard to prevent further spinal injuries. The man was treated and transported by West Windsor Emergency Services to UMCP.

The Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad will be hosting an EMT course this summer. For more information about enrolling in the course or to find out how to join the Squad, email chief@pfars.org, or call (609) 924-3338.

CLUBS

The **Guild of New Jersey Opera Theater** will meet at 6:30 p.m. this evening, May 25 at the Princeton Public Library. The meeting will be followed by a free showing of *Rossini*, a 94 minute film in Italian with English subtitles. The film biography of composer Gioacchino Rossini features rare footage of many operatic stars of the 1940s. It includes scenes from *Otello, Borbiere, Mose,* and *William Tell* with Nino Besozzi, Gianna Pederzini, Tancredi Pasero, Gabriela Gatti, Mariano Stabile, Enzo de Muro Lomanto, Piero Pauli, Vito De Taranto, and conductor Vittorio Gui.

Plans for supporting NJOT's summer season will be discussed at the meeting.

The **Princeton Senior Citizen's Club** will meet in the Suzanne Patterson Center on Friday, May 27 at 1 p.m. The guest speaker, Dr. Chandani Fernando, will discuss "General Health Problems of Senior Citizens."

Visitors are welcome.

Club membership is open to all persons 55 years of age or older.

For more information call (609) 921-8857.

Mercer County Democracy for America will meet on Wednesday, June 1 at 7 p.m. at the Carl A. Fields Center for a discussion of outreach efforts and reports from working groups including social security, local politics, and women's issues. Admission is free and open to the public.

Refreshments will be served.

Mercer County DFA is a grassroots organization of volunteers, activists, and concerned citizens devoted to empowering New Jerseyans to become involved in the democratic process.

For more information, call S. Krause at (609) 430-0577.

"When Do Good Medicines Get to Poor People in Poor Countries?" will be the topic of a presentation by Michael R. Reich, Ph.D. to **55PLUS** at their meeting on June 2 at the Jewish Center of Princeton.

A global gap exists in access to pharmaceutical products between rich and poor countries. Prof. Reich, Director of the Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies, will examine the nature of the global drug gap and policies to address it. He has written widely on international health policy and politics, including global pharmaceutical policy. His recent books include *Getting Health Reform Right* and *Wounds of War*. He holds a Ph.D. in Political Science, an M.A. in East Asian Studies, and B.A. in Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry, all from Yale University.

55PLUS was organized in 1986 as a non-sectarian group to promote social contacts and friendships among men who are either retired or who have flexible working hours. It has no officers, no by-laws, and no formal membership roster. It meets at 10 A.M. on the first and third Thursday mornings of each month except June, July, and August to discuss a wide range of topics with prominent speakers. It is also engaged in a number of service projects. It offers a computer group to familiarize members with personal computers and the Internet, two investment groups, and a mentoring group to work with Princeton High School students.

The **Princeton Elks** will host a Flag Day ceremony on Tuesday, June 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Princeton Elks Lodge on Route 518. The ceremony will include a presentation about the history and significance of the American flag. It will be followed by refreshments and the retirement of old flags.

The meeting is free and open to the public.

For more information, call (609) 466-9813.

The Princeton chapter of the **Embroiderers' Guild of America** will meet on Sunday, June 5 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the home of member Sandy Hubbard. Prospective members are welcome.

Those planning to attend are asked to bring a salad, side dish, or dessert.

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ART

Numina Gallery To Hold Student Art Exhibition

STUDENT EXHIBITION: Princeton High School Senior Elizabeth Bartel's artwork, which was created in an advanced studio class, will be on display this weekend as part of the Numina Gallery's student exhibition. More than 300 works will be on display and available for purchasing. The exhibit will open with a reception on Friday, May 27, from 6 to 9 p.m. The show will bo on display through June 10, with gallery hours Monday through Friday, 3 to 5 p.m., and by appointment. For more information, call (609) 806-4314. (Photo by Candace Braun)

This Friday, Princeton High School's Numina Gallery will hold its first annual student exhibition in its newly renovated space.

The exhibit will be comprised of work in a multitude of mediums, including painting, drawing, collage, printmaking, ceramic and book arts, and other media. More than 300 student works will be on display.

The exhibit has been put together entirely by high school students, with art teachers John Kavalos and Marty Hayden supervising.

"This is the first year we've had an actual gallery for our art. It's a big deal for the high school," said Yelena Safarpour, a junior who is in charge of Numina's publicity.

Although the Numina Gallery was founded in 2000, when students, with the help of Mr. Kavalos, cleared out and renovated a room above the school's art studio to be used to exhibit artwork, it had to be put on hold during high school construction. The new space –a large room with professional lighting– was created on the basement floor.

"It was nowhere near this size," said Yelena of the gallery's former home.

According to Mr. Kavalos, Numina was created to promote an appreciation for art among high school students, and to encourage their interest beyond the scope of the classroom. It is the only professional student-run gallery in the nation.

A total of 15 students are currently working on the upcoming Numina exhibit. Those who run the gallery assume the responsibilities of director, publicity manager, web designer, installation crew, and curator. The staff generally meets once a week, and directors are working at the gallery every day.

Overall the exhibitions take approximately a month to set up, as students must schedule gallery opening dates, find an artist and/or artwork to exhibit, and prepare the gallery space for the show.

Among the works that have been exhibited at Numina are photographs by Princeton resident Ricardo Barros, paintings by artist Mel Leipzig, and works by Judith Brodsky.

For the inaugural event at Numina's new gallery, this past winter students put together an exhibit as part of the New Jersey Transcultural Initiative, a statewide program organized by the Rutgers Office of Intercultural Affairs. The exhibit, which was done completely by students, was a collage of interviews with different Princeton personalities.

"It took about three years to put the exhibition together," said Mr. Kavalos, adding that Numina had worked with former PHS students on the project who now attend Cooper Union.

"A lot of information we collected [for the exhibit] will go to the Historical Society of Princeton," said Senior Jose de Leon, who is in charge of Numina's finances and will exhibit some of his photographs in the upcoming show.

As part of the upcoming exhibit, some PHS students' work will be exhibited that has been selected to be part of "An Artistic Discovery," a congressional art show sponsored by Congressman Rush Holt's office. The students who were chosen for the exhibit are Jen Lerner, Elisabeth Wolfe, Erin Armington, Krystina Lesnaska, and Annabelle Roberts-McMichal.

Mr. Kavalos said that Numina is anticipating Congressman Holt attending the exhibit, and hope he will consider using Numina's new facility for his show next year.

The opening reception for the student exhibition will be held this Friday, from 6 to 9 p.m. The works can be viewed through June 10, and the gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 3 to 5 p.m., and by appointment. All works at the exhibit will be for sale, and proceeds will go toward the school's visual arts department, as well as to fund Numina's art catalogue.

On Friday, June 3, Numina will bring back its tradition of "Nights of Numina," where students will host a poetry night to welcome the new exhibition. The reading, which will take place from 6 to 8 p.m., is open to the public.

For more information on either of these events, call (609) 806-4314, or visit http://www.numinagallery.com.

— Candace Braun

Princeton Artist Exhibits Paintings of the Southwest

An exhibition of paintings by Princeton artist Mary Bundy will be showing at the Present Day Club, from now through the end of June.

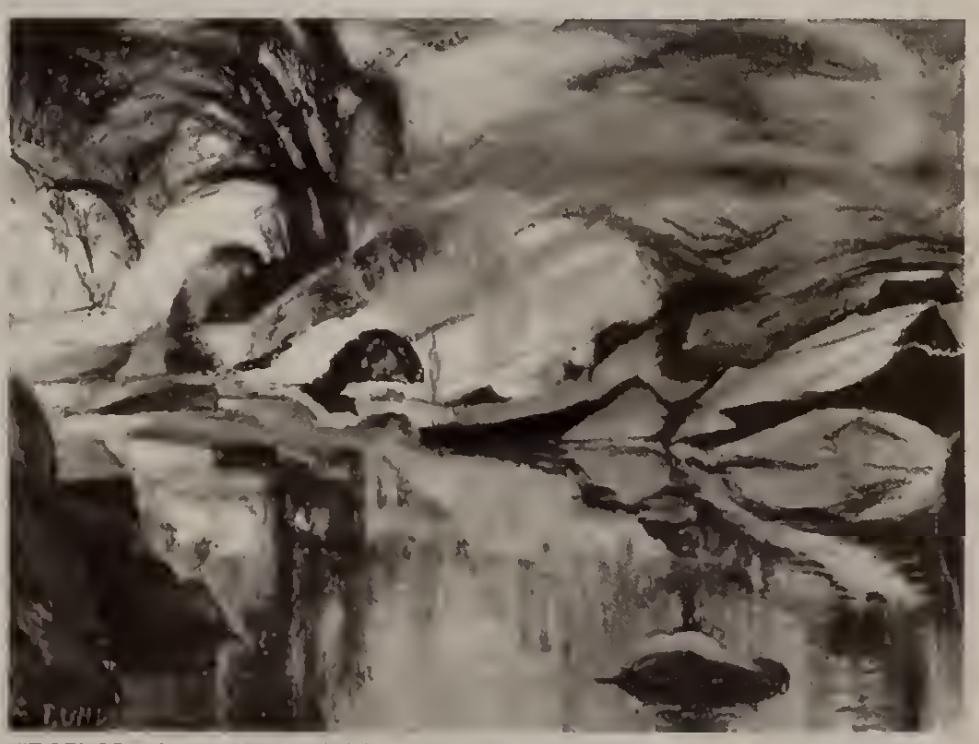
The work is mainly landscapes of the Southwest, done in pastel over the last two years, inspired by trips to Sante Fe. The work is a personal view and treatment of landscape with an emphasis on color and light. The artist's last solo show at the Studio Gallery in Hopewell was of landscapes of the south of France.

Also in the show are several portrait Ms. Bundy has done of Princeton people, expressive drawings done in sepia pastel pencil. Among them is one of the late George Kennan, which was widely used by Princeton University last year in its promotion of the Centennial Exhibition.

Ms. Bundy has exhibited in numerous juried and group shows in and around Princeton, as well in solo shows here and in Philadelphia. Her work has been included in several local private collections.

Ms. Bundy attended Sarah Lawrence College, where she studied studio art and art history. Later studies included a graduate course at American University with Bill Calfee; a workshop with Wolf Kahn at the Princeton Art Association; and figure painting with Jaques Fabert in Bucks County.

The Present Day Club is located at 72 Stockton Street. Gallery hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call (609) 924-1014.



"REFLECTIONS": An exhibition of paintings by Princeton artist Mary Bundy will be showing at the Present Day Club, from now through the end of June. The work is mainly landscapes of the Southwest, inspired by trips to Sante Fe. Pictured is Ms. Bundy's pastel work, "Reflections on the Black River," created this year. The exhibit will be on display at the Present Day Club, 72 Stockton Street. Gallery hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call (609) 924-1014.

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Arts Council To Host Free Artist Forum, "Show and Sell"

The Arts Council of Princeton will offer a free artist forum, "Show and Sell!", featuring established professionals in the field giving expert advice and tips both for those just breaking into the arts and for artists who want to learn more about presenting themselves on Thursday, June 2, from 7 to 9 p.m. The program is open to the public and will include light refreshments.

Audience members will hear expert advice given by painter Gregory Perkel, a graduate of the prestigious Moscow Institute of Fine Art, who has been a professional artist since 1966 and is currently represented by the OK Harris Gallery in Soho. Kate Sommers, an independent curator whose primary clients include Bristol-Myers Squibb and the Bernstein Gallery at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School, will offer pointers on how to select and contact exhibition spaces.

Marsha Child, owner and director of Marsha Child Contemporary, will also give advice about what galleries expect from artists. Taylor Photo's Ron Eckert, who guides artists through the process of generating photographs and slides of their work, will discuss how and why artists should market and promote themselves.

Paul Smith, long-time owner and manager of the Framesmith Gallery, a Princeton-based business that specializes in framing artwork, will describe how to frame in a way that illuminates but does not overpower the picture, whatever one's budget.

The forum will also feature the Arts Council's new executive director, Jeff Nathanson, who will offer advice based on his experiences curating and designing contemporary exhibition spaces and public sculpture. Most recently he has served as art project director for the new Princeton Public Library, as well as curator for the Magdalena Abakanowicz sculpture and Sol LeWitt mural projects for the Princeton University Art Museum, and the director of the International Sculpture Center (publisher of Sculpture Magazine) at Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton.

The forum will be moderated by Arts Council WPA Gallery Director Maria Evans, a painter and ceramics artist herself who has been with the Arts Council for seven years. Ms. Evans will ask several questions of each individual on the panel, after which there will be ample opportunity for audience members to ask their own questions.

Show and Sell! is open to anyone who is interested, but space is limited so participants are urged to pre-register by calling (609) 924-8777.

The Arts Council is located on the corner of Paul Robeson Place and Witherspoon Street. Out of courtesy to its neighbors, the Arts Council urges visitors not to park along the residential streets of the John-Witherspoon Neighborhood.

Artist's Finger Paintings On Display at J&J Gallery

"Logical Harmony: Fingerprint Paintings 1998-2004," will be on display at Johnson & Johnson's World Headquarters Gallery in New Brunswick through July 11.

The exhibition features paintings by Lily Prince, a New York-based artist who also works as a professor of painting at William Paterson University in Wayne. Ms. Prince creates her paintings using a technique of finger painting, where she dips her fingers in the medium –acrylic paint or pastel- and then constructs the painting with the resulting colored finger prints.

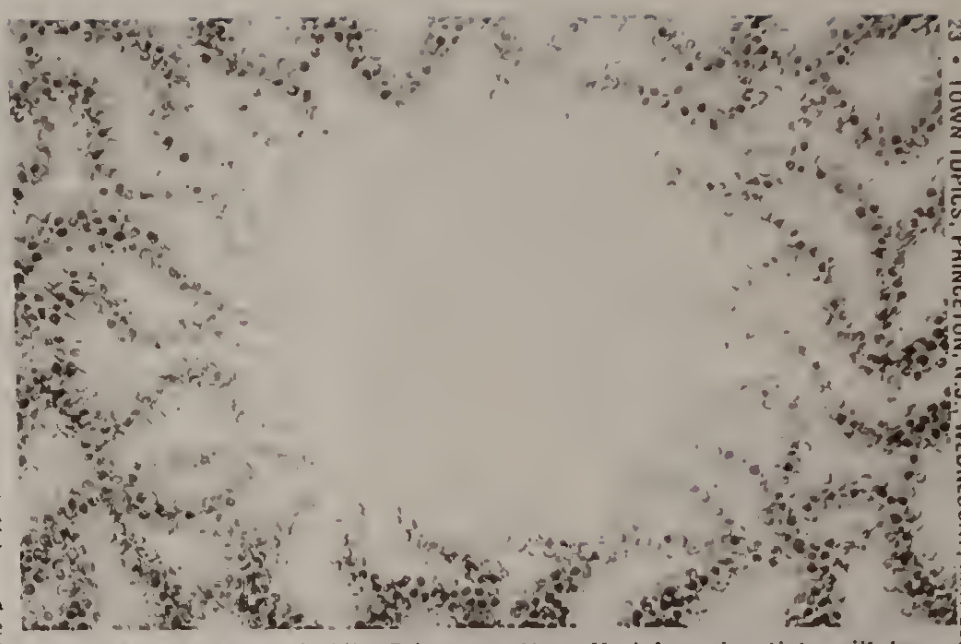
Fingerprinting, which Ms. Prince has described as "the most personal form of drawing," combines with the large scale works, encouraging the view to contemplate the microscopic and universal at the same time, said her publicist.

Ms. Prince received her BFA in painting from the Rhode Island School of Design, and her MFA from Bard College's Milton Avery Graduate School of the Arts. She has been included in several group exhibitions throughout the U.S., including most recently "First Look 2004," the inaugural exhibition of the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts' Emerging Artists Series.

She has had a solo exhibition at The Paterson Museum, and will be having a solo exhibition at Domo gallery In Summit, in October 2005. Her work can be found in a number of private collections, including Mohecan Sun Casino Hotel, Marriot World Center Hotel, and Brooklyn Academy of Music.

Johnson & Johnson World Headquarters Gallery is located at One Johnson & Johnson Plaza, New Brunswick. The gallery is open by appointment only.

For more information, call the gallery at (732) 524-6957.



"LOGICAL HARMONY": Lily Prince, a New York-based artist, will have works on display at Johnson & Johnson's World Headquarters Gallery in New Brunswick through July 11. The exhibition is called, "Logical Harmony: Fingerprint Paintings 1998-2004." The gallery is located at One Johnson & Johnson Plaza, New Brunswick, and is open by appointment only. For more information, call (732) 524-6957.

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Students to Exhibit At Peggy Lewis Gallery

Students in the senior studio art class at Delaware Valley Regional High School are having their first public show at the Peggy Lewis Gallery in Lambertville, which will run through June 11. The show includes drawings, paintings, ceramics, sculpture and jewelry.

Among the students exhibiting in the show is Leah Calagiacomo, who likes to use a sense of drama in her work, the stark contrast of light and dark creates not only a more three-dimensional illusion, but also helps to set the mood. She works her drawings with smooth, soft shading to give them an almost dream-like quality.

"This lends my works a sense of tangibility, combined with an air of fantasy, to create a world in which you feel you could easily step into, while at the same time be carried away to the lands that dwell in the imagination," said Ms. Calagiacomo.

Patricia Woodruff is a young artist who has always doodled in notebooks and done crafts to fill her extra time. She is most attracted to ink or ink wash, because of the textures that can be created through lines. Although Ms. Woodruff doesn't know what her future career will be, she intends to involve art as part of her job, or as a hobby. She adheres to Scott Adams, quote, "Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep."

Emily Savacool believes that art is "the cleaning up of built up emotions, the vomiting forth of thoughts, ideas and dreams onto a page. Art is expressing life, regardless of the comparisons of other people." She plans on continuing her art education next year at the University of the Arts, so she can continue following her natural urge to create. "That's what my work is: artistic catharsis, putting every waking thought and emotion onto a page. I find joy in the study of pleasing colors and watching life in motion. Art is simply, the expression of life," she said.

EXPRESSION OF SELF: Students in the senior studio art class at Delaware Valley Regional High School are having their first public show at the Peggy Lewis Gallery in Lambertville, which will run through June 11. The show includes drawings, paintings, ceramics, sculpture and jewelry. Pictured is a piece created by student Kyle Horstmann, who uses art as a direct expression of self. The gallery is located on the second floor of the Lambertville Public Library, 6 Lily Street. The hours are Monday through Thursday, 1 to 9 p.m.; Friday, 1 to 5 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Kelsey LaFevre, daughter of an art teacher, has been influenced by art all of her life. She loves three-dimensional art, something about creating with unique materials that is challenging, but always comes out perfectly. Ms. Kelsey is excited about her progress since her freshman year: "That's one great thing about art; there's always room for improvement and there's always a constant flow of creativity, which makes art so enjoyable for me."

Evan Giller loves the landscape in almost all of its facets. He "wants to be in the epicenter of happening art, art that is part of something bigger than any high school 101 class can contain." He hopes to open people up to the color they miss, annoy them with it or just ignite an emotion. The way Mr. Giller sees art, is all around him, but then again he states, "it's all around you and I want to experience that too, and add to it."

Ryan Meeter was encouraged his entire life to work in all areas, and has found that art is a way for him to relieve the stress from other things he does. He favors math and science, and this drew him to the potter's wheel, which allows him to put math in his artwork. "Being able to throw on the potters' wheel also allows for me to use the right brain skills to achieve a balanced life."

Ali Marsh, who will be continuing his art career in Maine College of Art, feels that art is in her blood. Certain images, colors and patterns have struck some kind of emotion into her, starting at a very early age. For a brief period of time, Ms. Marsh let go of her artistic side, but she has found it again: "I've come to embrace the diversity that being an artist creates."

Kyle Horstmann uses art as a direct expression of self.

"Feelings, thoughts, experiences I have had and different moods I am at in certain moments in my life are all conveyed in my works. Mr. Horstmann doesn't do specific things for specific reasons, each piece is separate from the next, and personal: "I am not doing these works for any particular reason, other than I enjoy working on art and being creative."

The students' works will be on display at the Peggy Lewis Gallery, located on the second floor of the Lambertville Public Library, 6 Lily Street. The gallery is open daily, with the same hours as the library: Monday through Thursday, 1 to 9 p.m.; Friday, 1 to S p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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"ABSTRACT REALISM": Plainsboro artist Corinne Collymore Peters will exhibit her work at the Plainsboro Public Library through June 1. The artist, who studied in Florence, Italy, describes her contemporary artwork as "abstract realism." The library is located in the municipal complex at 641 Plainsboro Road, Plainsboro. The gallery is open Monday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (609) 275-2897, or visit http://www.lmxac.org/plainsboro.

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BOOKS

FOODS OF THE STATE: Author Brian Yarvin recently published a cookbook with recipes made from locally grown foods, "Farms and Foods of the Garden State." The book includes farmer profiles and more than 100 recipes from New Jersey-grown foods.

MEMORIALIZING A SCHOOL: Richard D. Smith, a historical researcher in Princeton, recently published his book, "Princeton University." The book discusses the history of the University through a narrative and black and white photographs. Mr. Smith will give a talk on his book at the Princeton U-Store on Sunday, May 29, at 2 p.m.

(Archival Photo: Historical Society of Princeton)

Author Publishes Recipes In New Jersey Cookbook

Author Brian Yarvin recently published a cookbook with recipes made from locally grown foods, titled, *Farms and Foods of the Garden State: A New Jersey Cookbook*.

The book includes farmer profiles and more than 100 simple recipes, making the often-overlooked connection between farmers and cooks. The recipes reflect the state's diversity, with recipes ranging from Indian to Portuguese, Italian, and Chinese. Some include Chicken Vindaloo, Italian-Style Stewed Peppers, and Portuguese Kale Soup.

"The cookbook captures the essence of the Garden State by profiling some of its most interesting farms," said the book's publicist. Among them are a vineyard, a buffalo ranch, and a trout hatchery.

"When most people close their eyes and try to imagine a New Jersey farm, it's unlikely they'll be able to picture anything other than highways, condos, and shopping malls," said the author in the book's introduction. He said that along with tomatoes being a large crop in the state, eggplant, peppers, potatoes, beets, zucchini, pumpkins, and cabbages are also large crops here.

Along with providing a map marked with the locations of farms throughout the state, the book provides recipes for wine and cheese, fish and shellfish, meat, vegetables, and fruit.

Born in Brooklyn and raised in Queens and Long Island, Mr. Yarvin's passion for food began with chifdhood visits to such places as Pennsylvania's Amish Country and New York City's Chinatown.

Along with his work as a professional photographer, Mr. Yarvin is a food writer and an instructor of food and commercial photography at the Washington School of Photography in Bethesda, Md. The author currently resides in Edison.

Princeton Is Highlighted In Author's New Book

Richard D. Smith, author of *Princeton University*, will speak as part of a series of author events at the Princeton U-Store during Reunion Weekend. Mr. Smith will speak at the U-Store on Sunday, May 29, at 2 p.m.

Princeton University discusses the history of the school with a narrative of photographs. "From its Colonial beginnings and pivotal role in the Revolution, Princeton rose to become an innovator in science and scholarship, a cradle of modern sports, and a leader in the arts and literature," according to the publicist.

The books talks about times as challenging as the Civil War and Vietnam, to events as memorable as the making of the award-winning movie, *A Beautiful Mind*.

Mr. Smith is a prize-winning author and journalist, specializing in history, music, and biography. He is a historical researcher in Princeton and a program administrator in Princeton University's Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology.

The author has held positions with Bluegrass Unlimited magazine, the Princeton Packet, and the U.S. 1 Newspaper. His writing has also appeared in the New York Times, the Washington Post, the Oxford American, and other national publications.

Additionally, he has been a researcher and photographer for Heritage Studies, Inc., and curator of "Princeton Recollections" for the Historical Society of Princeton.

Mr. Smith is the author of *Princeton in Arcadio Publishing's Images of America series*, and has published *Bluegrass: An Informal Guide*, and *Can't You Hear Me Callin': The Life of Bill Monroe, Father of Bluegrass*.

The author earned a degree in mass communications from Emerson College in Boston.

The U-Store is located at 36 University Place, just off Nassau Street. The talk will take place in the third-floor events area.

Princeton University ($19.99) is available at area bookstores, independent retailers, online bookstores, or through Arcadia Publishing, at www.arcadiapublishing.com, or by calling (888) 313-2665.

Library To Host Italian Stories Program

Princeton Public Library will continue its tradition of world language story times on June 2, at 4 p.m., when it hosts "Un Momento di Italiana," a program that introduces children to the culture of Italy by telling Italian stories in both English and Italian.

The program, which was created by and will be performed by Serena Cosmo and Giulia Vallucci, fuses original children's music with Italian songs, stories and poetry. Both performers are Italian-born Princeton residents with strong roots and interests in their native country.

Cosmo, who has been a finalist in the Songwriter's Hall of Fame Showcase and has appeared in Billboard magazine for her song writing, will lead the song portion of the program. Vallucci, who teaches Italian Civilization and Italian for Travelers at the Princeton Adult School, will be leading the storytelling portion of the program.

This isn't the first time the library is holding a storytelling focused on world languages. Previous programs have focused on Spanish, French and Japanese.

Lucia Acosta, who coordinates the world language programs, explained that these programs are an "acknowledgement of the multitude of languages in Princeton," and that they "reflect our culturally diverse community."

On the first Sunday of every month during the academic year, the library presents First Sunday, a series locused on the culture of Latin America. The library also holds Japanese storytelling once a month throughout the academic year and this March, the library held its first month-long French storytelling program, which will return next year.

For more information on library programs and services, call (609) 924-9529, or visit www.princetonlibrary.org.

Educators Can Register For Storytelling Workshop

Registration for the 13th Annual New Jersey Storytelling Festival is now underway. The event will be held on Sunday, June 26, at Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton.

Performances for adults and children will take place from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and an evening storytelling concert for adults will he held from 6 to 8 p.m. Over 40 storytellers will present stories to entertain, enlighten, and inspire youth and adults.

In addition to performances, the festival will present a storytelling workshop for teachers, writers, fibrarians, and anyone wishing to learn how to use stories to enhance instruction. In this Interactive workshop, "Writing Between the Lines: Using Storytelling in the Writing Workshop," teachers will learn how to create writing fessons for students in grades second through twelfth grade. The focus will be on clarity and continuity, and the workshop addresses New Jersey core curriculum standards for language arts literacy.

The workshop will be led by Paula Davidoff, a writer and storyteller who has been allliated with the New Jersey Writer's Project since 1997. Her interactive workshops often include storytelling and creative drama as part of the writing process, and are appropriate for students of any age. Ms. Davidoff is an affiliated artist with Storytelling Arts, and the New Jersey Collective for Arts in Education.

This workshop, which will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., costs $40 before June 10, and $45 thereafter. Workshop fees do not include admission to the park. Five NJDOE prolessional development credits will be available, and school vouchers are accepted. To register, contact Carol Tltus at (973) 625-8545. For more inlormation, visit http://www.njstorynet.org.

Picnic lunches and dinners for the event are available. To order, call (609) 890-6015. The NJ Storytelling Festival, an activity of the Folk Project in cooperation with the New Jersey Storytelling Network, is free with a park admission fee of $12.

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Westminster to Host Free Youth Orchestra Concert

The 5tretto Youth Chamber Orchestra of Princeton, conducted by 5herri Anderson, will present a free concert next Friday, June 3 at 7 p.m. in Westminster Choir College's Bristol Chapel. The program will feature 15-year-old flautist Jacob Fridkis of Hopewell as soloist in Telemann's *Suite for Flute and Strings in A minor.*

Also on the program will be the *Orchestral Suite No. 5 in G minor* attributed to J. 5. Bach, a *Fantasia* by William Byrd arranged for string orchestra, and Vivaldi's *Concerto Grosso in A minor.*

Jacob Fridkis

The 5tretto Youth Chamber Orchestra will perform the same program during its European Tour, under the direction of Ms. Anderson, in late June. Stops on the tour include Paris, Cologne, Dusseldorf, and Essen, where the orchestra will perform with the the combined orchestras and chorus ol the renowned Goetheschule.

The orchestra's members are third through tenth grade students from the greater Princeton area, with members from East Brunswick to Philadelphia. Princeton High School sophomore Evan Shieh is the concertmaster. The orchestra, formerly known as the Westminster Youth Chamber Orchestra, rehearses weekly during the school year and performs two concerts annually.

Ms. Anderson teaches violin and viola in the Princeton area and is the executive director of the Blue Mountain Festival, a summer festival attended by young musicians who study chamber music with a master faculty during an intensive two-week program. This summer, the Festival will take place on the campus of the Lawrenceville School.

For more information, call Janet Lavery at (609) 252-0522.

MUSIC REVIEW

Youth Orchestra Closes Season With Rousing Italian Celebration

It was definitely Italian Night at the Greater Princeton Youth Orchestra (GPYO) spring concert on Saturday night at Richardson Auditorium. Music Director Fernando Raucci programmed a number of 18th century Italian pieces and the concert was presented in honor of the sister city relationship between Princeton and Pettoranello, Italy. Saturday night's performance wrapped up GPYO's 2004-2005 season with Italian musical delicacy, not to mention a stellar performance by the winner of the orchestra's 2005 Concerto Competition.

GPYO's preparatory ensemble, the Camerata Ensemble, started the end-of-year celebration with two lively works. Elizabeth Schultze Hofstetter led the string ensemble in Elizabeth Green's arrangement of Johann Stamitz's *Sinfonia in D*, and once the piece was rolling, the young musicians played with enthusiasm and energy. While there may have been tuning issues from time to time, the musical intention was evident, and the trademark Stamitz Mannheim rockets were well played. The cello section was the best section, precise in their underpinning of the orchestra.

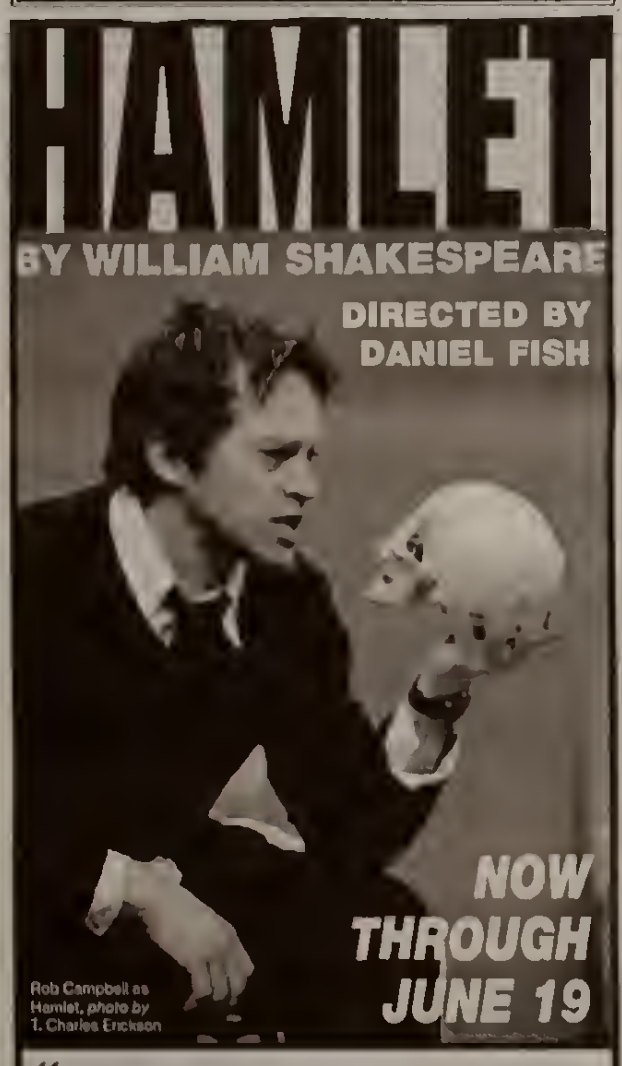
Peter Warlock's *Capriol Suite for Strings* sounded very English incorporating Renaissance dances and folksongs. The string players dug into the rich writing, playing the Bransles dance with quickness, precision, dynamic contrasts, and smooth pizzicato. 5aturday night also had a family element, as soprano Martha Elliott, parent of one of the players, performed several Italian opera arias. Although, with her 17th and 18th century background, one would not think of Ms. Elliott as a 19th century Italian opera singer, her lightness of sound added to the poignancy and innocence of Verdi's *Ave Maria.* Ms. Elliott sang the text in a manner which paid homage to the aria's operatic roots, and brought the aria to an ethereal close as the 'amen' seemed to float away.

Ms. Elliott returned later in the program for the well-known Puccini aria *Quando me'n vo* from *La Boheme*, and also for an aria perfectly suited for her voice, Rossini's *Una voce poco fa* from The *Barber of Seville.* Usually assigned to a mezzo-soprano in operatic settings, the Rossini aria is loaded with coloratura fire which Ms. Elliott easily handled. Her mischievous and coy singing style made one feel as though she was distracting her audience with vocal sparkle and clarity while secretly stealing cookies from the cookie jar. The one flaw in all of these arias was that the orchestra could have come down a bit at times.

The other featured soloist for the evening was15-year-old flutist Jacob Fridkis, already a collector ol quite a few performing accolades. Mr. Fridkis won this year's GPYO Concerto Competition, and not content with a simple Mozart or Haydn concerto, he chose a demanding concerto by 20th century Armenian composer Aram Khachaturian. The impressively full sound of the orchestra complemented the light and buoyant solo line, as Mr. Fridkis easily played through a beginning portion as difficult as any Bach piece. Khachaturian's flute concerto is virtually unknown, and this exceptional young flutist made the difficult passages seem like a summer walk, and carried on an effective dialog with the winds.

Although considerably older than the students who performed his work *Patience*, Princeton University composer Gregory Spears is very young by composer standards. His one movement *Patience* pays tribute to such composers as John Adams, while incorporating elements of American life. The first gesture of conductor Raucci was not to cue musicians but to raise the arm of an old LP record player to provide the static that was the background of the piece. Interesting percussive effects included bowing a cymbal with a variety of things as well as the use of wood blocks. Minimalist repetition was well handled by the trumpets, and the strings clearly had a collective musical thought, rather than just playing notes in a contemporary piece. This piece, together with the excellent concerto performance and overall solid musicianship of the players, demonstrated the Princeton area youths' depth of musical talent.

— Nancy Plum



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Party in Montgomery To Celebrate Release Of Sextet's New CD

To celebrate the release of its second CD, *In The Key of She*, the Princeton-based a cappella sextet Key of She will host a CD Release Party at Orpha's Coffee Shop on Route 206 in Montgomery on Sunday, June 12 from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission will be free.

The sextet, which appeared on The Jane Pauley Show in December, is already creating some "buzz" with its new album. It has been named an Editor's Pick in two categories of music on CDBaby, the world's largest independent online catalog. John Neal of the Primarily A Cappella Catalog called the CD "poised and confident," adding that the group's "sheer vocal talent gives it a rare, full, rich sound that was not lost on the audience and judges at the New York Harmony Sweeps Regional, where they were named Audience Favorite."

At Orpha's Coffee Shop, Key of She will perform three mini-shows, at 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. They will also sign CDs and give away door prizes. In honor of the occasion, Orpha's has created a "she-licious," slushy-white-chocolate and strawberry concoction named Frappé de She.

Key of She's appearance on the Jane Pauley show was a boon for the group. They appeared with four other a cappella groups, including the world-renowned Rockapella, and were watched by an estimated 10 million viewers. They were invited to the show to represent the broad spectrum of contemporary a cappella music.

Through performing and recording, Key of She has expanded the traditional a cappella repertoire of classical, American Songbook, Broadway, and pop to include jazz, rock, and country. The singers use their voices to imitate drums and a variety of instruments in the type of "vocal percussion" popularized by Bobby McFerrin. Many of the group's songs were arranged by well known a cappella musicians; others were arranged by Key of She member Sue Jaques. Eric Clapton's *Change The World* was arranged by jazz musician Charlie Ernst, husband of the sextet's Lisa Ernst.

Started four years ago by Sue Jaques of Skillman and Pat Stearman of Pennington, Key of She also includes Lisa Ernst of Hightstown, Dyann Mazzeo of Lambertville, Amy Raditz of Lambertville, .and Debbie Nutt of Titusville.

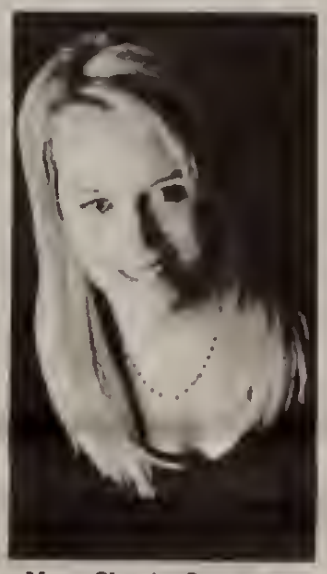
For more information about the Release Party, call Ms. Jaques at (609) 466-2494, or visit www.KEYOFSHE.com.

CELEBRATING A SECOND CD: The Princeton-based a cappella sextet Key of She will host a party at Orpha's Coffee Shop in Montgomery on Sunday, June 12, to celebrate the release of its second CD, "In The Key of She." Shown, from left, are the award-winning sextet's five original members, Lisa Ernst of Hightstown, Amy Raditz of Lambertville, Pat Stearman of Pennington, Sue Jaques of Skillman, and Dyann Mazzeo of Lambertville. They will be joined at Orpha's by Debbie Nutt of Titusville. Admission will be free.

Mary Chapin Carpenter In Songwriter Fest Here

Princeton native Mary Chapin Carpenter will be a featured performer in a three-day singer-songwriter festival beginning next week at McCarter Theatre.

The series will kick off with pianist Bruce Hornsby on Tuesday, May 31 at 8 p.m., continue with Ms. Carpenter on Thursday, June 2 at 8 p.m., and conclude with Aimee Mann on Friday, June 3 at 7:30 p.m.



Mary Chapin Carpenter

Ms. Carpenter with appear with guest Mindy Smith. The winner of five Grammys (13 nominations) and two Country Music Association awards as Female Vocalist of the Year, Ms. Carpenter's mix of country, pop, rock, and soul has sold 12 million copies, with a music style that defies categorization. In her tenth and latest release, *Between Here and Gone*, she explores the themes of loss and mortality, grief and renewal with rich imagery. Also a singer-songwriter, Ms. Smith's debut album *One Moment More* marked her as an emerging artist to watch. Her country-based songs delve into relationships, spirituality, loss, and perseverance.

The three-time Grammy Award-winning songwriter-pianist Mr. Hornsby has sold more than 10 million records since his multi-platinum debut in 1986 with *The Way It Is*. He has also played on more than 100 releases by other artist ranging from Bob Dylan and Bob Seger to the Grateful Dead. He is currently on tour in support of his latest CD, *Halcyon Days*, which features guest vocals by Sting, Elton John, and Eric Clapton.

The singer-songwriter festival will wrap up on Friday, June 3 when Aimee Mann takes the stage to celebrate the release of her fifth solo CD, *The Forgotten Arm*, marking her first foray into the "concept" album. Ms. Mann is best-known for her Oscar-nominated work for the film *Magnolia*, for which she wrote all the songs. She will be joined for her McCarter performance by Philadelphia native Amus Lee, who was recently named one of 2005's Top Ten Artists to Watch by Rolling Stone magazine.

All three concerts have limited availability. For ticket information, call the McCarter ticket office at (609) 258-2787.

(Photo by Traci Goudie)

Shopping Center to Begin Summer Concert Series

The Princeton Shopping Center has announced that it will host two free concert series in its courtyard during the month of June. Attendees are welcome to bring lawn chairs and blankets to enjoy the live sounds of jazz, soft rock, brass ensemble, Latin jazz, Dixieland, blues, and classic rock.

The Saturday series will take place every Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. it will begin June 4 with Soul Cycle, a new group of musicians specializing in jazz-funk fusion. The band is led by pianist and composer Jesse Fischer.

Back by popular demand will be the trio 3 Across, performing folk, soft rock, and country music on June 11.

On June 18, Nassau Brass will perform under the direction of Glenn Kaufmann.

The beginning of summer will be celebrated with Phoenix Rising performing Latin Jazz on June 25.

The Thursday concert series, which will run every Thursday during the months of June, July and August, will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. The series will begin on June 2 with a performance by the 25-piece band Princeton Brass. The Rhythm Kings will offer Dixieland jazz on June 9.

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State Theatre to Host Singer Michael McDonald

The soul singer Michael McDonald will take the stage of New Brunswick's State Theatre on Wednesday, July 13 at 8 p.m., performing songs from his recent CDs *Motown* and *Motown 2*, as well as classic hits from his days with Steely Dan and The Doobie Brothers. Tickets range from $25 to $65.

In 2002, Mr. McDonald began working on a project with this thesis: What would happen if a blue-eyed soul singer of his generation released an album covering songs by the great '60s Motown artists who had influenced his career? And what if he recorded it for Motown?

The result was *Motown*, his first major release in nearly a decade. Mr. McDonald's approach to the album was reverent — not pilfering old songs to introduce them to a new generation as his own, but covering the sounds of Detroit as a way of paying homage to the original writers and artists. The album featured innovative renditions of *I Heard It Through the Grapevine* and other Motown classics. Motown quickly became Mr. McDonald's biggest hit in two decades.

Born and raised in St. Louis, Mo., Mr. McDonald has become one of the most recognizable artists of the past 25 years. His ability to bridge rock, adult contemporary, and soul with his unique voice has made him a leading solo singer and backing vocalist. He first attained notoriety in the early '70s as a member of the band Steely Dan. It was his 1977 admission to the boogie rock band, The Doobie Brothers, however, that made him a star. The hits he has written and performed include *Takin' It To The Streets*, *You Belong To Me*, and *What a Fool Believes*.

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Two jazz trios, both headed by pianists who have set new standards in their interpretations of the American Popular Songbook, will perform in Princeton when McCarter Theatre presents The Bill Charlap Trio and The Fred Hersch Trio on the same program, on Sunday, June 5 at 7 p.m.

Both pianists will perform a variety of familiar works and their own original compositions.

Bill Charlap

A former sideman with two of jazz's greatest saxophonists, Gerry Mulligan and Phil Woods, Bill Charlap has long been recognized as one of the jazz world's top pianists. His trio, featuring bassist Peter Washington and drummer Kenny Washington (no relation) dominates the New York scene so much that when Jazz at Lincoln Center unveiled its Dizzy's Club Coca-Cola in October 2004, it was the opening act. In February his concert at Lincoln Center titled *Great American Songwriters* displayed his deep respect for classic songwriters like Cole Porter, George Gershwin, and Richard Rodgers. The Trio's latest recording, *Somewhere: The Songs of Leonard Bernstein*, earned a 2004 Grammy nomination. Tony Bennett has called the New Jersey-based pianist "one of the greatest American musicians of our time."

Fred Hersch

Since his arrival in New York in 1977, Fred Hersch has also become acclaimed as one of the foremost artists in the jazz world today, as both a pianist and composer. Described as a "poet of the piano" by The New Yorker, he has released 20 albums as a soloist or bandleader, received two Grammy Award nominations, and appeared on more than 100 other recordings as a featured guest or co-bandleader. In 2003, he was awarded a Guggenheim Memorial Fellowship for his work as a composer. The release of Songs Without Words in 2001, an unprecedented 3-CD set of mostly solo piano recordings, helped establish his reputation as one of the most prolific solo jazz pianist of his generation. The New York Times has written of Mr. Hersch that he "has few rivals as a solo pianist, drawing rich, complex layers of sound out of his instrument, reorganizing old tunes so that you hear them fresh."

Tickets are $33, $36, and $39, with $10 student tickets, and may be ordered by calling (609) 258-2787.

Pop Singer Bruce Hornsby At McCarter on Tuesday

McCarter Theatre will present three-time Grammy winner Bruce Hornsby, a pop singer-songwriter and pianist, on Tuesday, May 31 at 8 p.m.

Mr. Hornsby struck gold — and platinum — with his debut album, *The Way It Is*, recorded with his band, the Range. The album generated three Top 20 hits, including its No. 1 title song, and earned Bruce Hornsby & the Range the Best New Artist Grammy for 1986. He took home his second Grammy in 1989 for Best Bluegrass Recording for *Valley Road* (from the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band's *Will The Circle Be Unbroken, Volume II*) and his third Grammy in 1993 for Best Pop Instrumental for *Barcelona Mona*, created with Branford Marsalis for the Barcelona Olympics.

Mr. Hornsby's albums have sold more than 10 million copies worldwide. He is currently touring in support of his ninth album, *Halcyon Days*.

An in-demand "side" man, Mr. Hornsby has played on more than 100 records with artists ranging from Bob Dylan, Don Henley, and the Grateful Dead, to Bob Seger, Bonnie Raitt, Béla Fleck, and Willie Nelson.

Tickets are $38, $40, and $42, and may be ordered by calling (609) 258-2787.

TRAVELIN' MAN: Three-time Grammy winner Bruce Hornsby and his band, the Range, will visit McCarter Theatre on Tuesday, May 31 as part of the singer's nationwide tour promoting his ninth album, "Halcyon Days." Tickets for the 8 p.m. concert are $38, $40, and $42.

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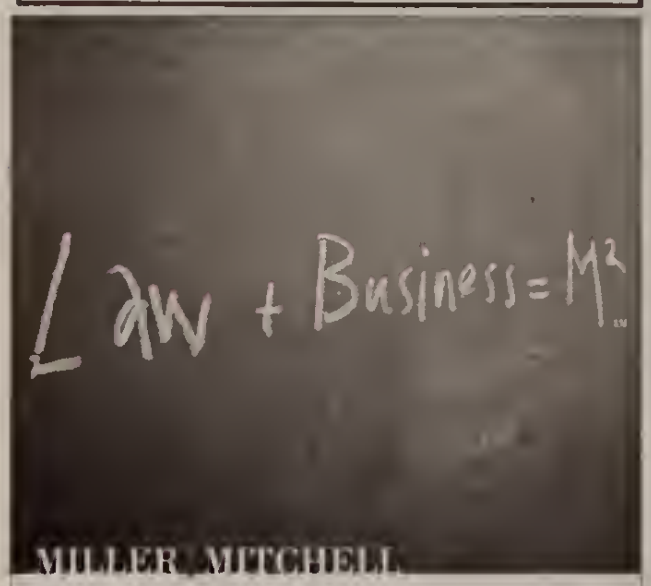

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Princeton Summer Theater Announces Its New Season

Princeton Summer Theater (PST) has announced its line-up of shows for an all-new theatrical season at the Hamilton Murray Theater on the Princeton University campus. The new season will feature four mainstage plays with ties to the Princeton community, and the return of many company members from the 2004 season.

The season will open June 16 with Fredrick Knott's *Diol "M" for Murder*, a suspense classic made famous by the 1954 Allred Hitchcock film. The production will mark the return of actors Jed Peterson and Rob Walsh, both members of the troupe's 2004 company. Playwright Knott is a Princeton native, as is the New York director Deborah Savadge. The thriller will run from June 16 to 19 and June 23 to 26.

The season's second mainstage offering will be Steve Martin's *Picosso ot the Lopin Agile*, an official event in the Think Einstein calendar, celebrating the 100th anniversary of Albert Einstein's Theory of Relativity. At the dawn of the 20th century, two young men meet in a bar in Paris. One is Albert Einstein; the other is Pablo Picasso. Together they discuss love, art, science, women, and the century to come. The comedy includes a mysterious visitor from the future and other surprises. *Picosso ot the Lopin Agile* will be directed by Princeton University's Marisol Rosa-Shapiro, and run June 30 to July 3 and July 7 to 10.

PST will maintain its tradition of presenting musicals with its production of Steven Schwartz's *Godspell*. Originally produced by the Princeton Packet's Stuart Duncan, *Godspell* will feature direction by Jonathan Elliott and set design by Theatre Intime's Scott Grzenczyk. It will run three consecutive weekends, July 14 to 17, 21 to 24, and 28 to 31.

The season will close with John Van Druten's *The Voice of the Turtle*, the longest-running comedy in Broadway history. The play revolves around a young soldier (and Princeton University alumnus) on military leave in the midst of World War II who finds his affections split between two young women. It will run from August 4 to 7 and 11 to 14.

PST will also present two family-oriented shows, *The Jungle Book* by Tim Kelly on July 7 through 9 and 14 through 16, and *Tales of Wonder* by Jonathan Elliott from July 21 to 23 and July 28 to 30.

The Princeton Summer Theater comprises young professionals from Princeton and beyond. Its executive board includes artistic director Jed Peterson, publicity director Marisol Rosa-Shapiro, business manager Jonathan Elfiott, technical director Scott Grzenczyk, and company manager Christine Scarfuto.

For tickets, call the Summer Theater box office at (609) 258-7062. A discount of up to 40 percent is available through a subscription program.

Student Plays Festival Scheduled at McCarter

The McCarter Theatre Education Department has scheduled the production of six original plays by New Jersey high school students on June 10 and 11. The plays will be directed and performed by professionals at McCarter during the Second Annual Youth Ink! Play Festival.

The ten-minute plays were selected for the Youth Ink! program by teaching artists from McCarter's education staff who visited five New Jersey high schools for ten sessions to teach students about playwriting.

The plays selected for the 2004-05 Festival are *A Place to Coll Home*, by Vanessa Espinosa of St. Mary of the Assumption High School in Elizabeth; *73 September 23rds*, by Maggie Marron of West Windsor Plainsboro High School South; *Eleven to Six*, by Tyler Samardick of West Windsor Plainsboro High School South; *Prophylaxis*, by Ben Warren of Pascack Valley Central High School; *Giving Maturity o Hond*, by Mark Milian of Pascack Hills High School; and *The Triats of Becoming a Ploy*, by Izzy Huston of Hopewell Valley Central High School.

The first half of the McCarter Education program focused on writing exercises, in-class improvisations, and assignments that prepared students to write their own plays. Students were given the freedom to write on any topic but were asked to focus on the idea of an inspirational event. McCarter artistic director Emily Mann and McCarter literary director Carrie Hughes led the discussions about the playwriting process.

The second half of the residency was dedicated to the students' work. Through dramaturgical sessions, in-class readings, and minimally staged performances, students received feedback from their classmates to help them revise and edit.

In March, over 170 student-written plays were submitted; one play was chosen from each school for the Playwriting Festival. After each performance, a discussion will take place with the directors, cast members, playwrights, and audience.

Three public performances are scheduled in the Berlind Theatre Rehearsal Room — on Friday, June 10 at 8 p.m., and Saturday, June 11 at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tickets are free and may be reserved through the McCarter Theatre box office at (609) 258-2787.

Off-Broadstreet Slates Auditions for New Season

Hopewell's Off-Broadstreet Theatre will hold auditions this Sunday, May 29 at 7 p.m. at the theatre for roles in the theater's shows for the 2005-06 season. Robert and Julie Thick will be the shows' producers.

Roles are open for all shows, including *Mesuggah-Nuns*, *Visiting Mr. Green*, and *Squabbles*.

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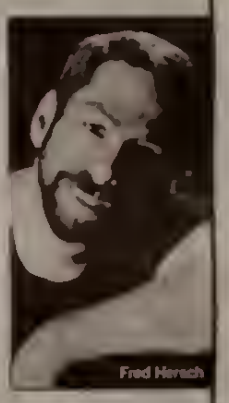
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CINEMA REVIEW *Star Wars: Episode III, Return of the Sith*

Curtain Comes Down on Star Wars Saga in Fitting Finale

A long time ago (1977), with Star Wars, George Lucas introduced us to a "a galaxy far, far away," mesmerizing both young and old alike with his endlessly imaginative, state-of-the-art, special effects-driven, outer space opera. Over the intervening years, he parlayed that success into a couple of equally-enchanting sequels, The Empire Strikes Back (1980) and The Return of the Jedi (1983). And then, after a long hiatus, he decided to revive his review-proof franchise with a trilogy of prequels.

MUST WE DO THIS?: Obi-Wan Kenobi (Ewan McGregor, left) and Anakin Skywalker (Hayden Christensen, right) confront two 'droid guards in an imminent lightsaber showdown.

Though the first of these two additional adventures, The Phantom Menace (1999) and Attack of the Clones (2002) were, quite frankly, a bit of a disappointment, Lucas now brings down the curtain on the sci-fi series with a worthy finale which just might be the best of the whole darn bunch. With Return of the Sith, which serves to tie together all the loose ends nicely, getting there is all the fun. After all, there isn't any mystery about how it's going to end, since, by design, this installment has to finish back where the original began.

Still, the picture ought to prove intriguing, whether you're a dilettante or a Star Wars trivia devotee, as it fills in blanks for plenty of pivotal unanswered questions. Plus, it is also the most graphic of the sextet, which explains why it's the first one to warrant a PG-13 rating. The illuminating storyline, which starts three years into the democratic Republic's campaign against the dreaded androids, delves deeply into the de-evolution of Anakin Skywalker into the infamous Darth Vader.

Over 30 cast members from earlier installments return to reprise their roles, including Hayden Christensen as Anakin, Natalie Portman as Padme Amidala, Ewan MacGregor as Obi-Wan Kenobi, Samuel L. Jackson as Mace Windu, Jimmy Smits as Senator Organa, Frank Oz as Yoda, Christopher Lee as Count Dooku, Ahmed Best as Jar Jar Binks, James Earl Jones as the voice of Darth Vader, Kenny Baker as R2-D2, and Anthony Daniels as C-3PO, the only character, by the way, to speak in all six flicks. Meanwhile, among the noteworthy additions are Keisha Castle-Hughes as the Queen of Naboo and creator George Lucas cameoing as Baron Papanoida.

As the movie opens, we find Anakin and Obi-Wan on an urgent mission to rescue a kidnapped Supreme Chancellor Palpatine (Ian McDiarmid) from the clutches of General Grevious (Matthew Wood) and his dastardly 'droids. The confrontation leads to the first of many fights staged with light sabers.

Far more compelling than any of the swordplay, however, are the assorted emotional subplots. For instance, Anakin after reuniting with Amidala for the first time in months, learns that his secret wife is pregnant with twins, a no-no, because Jedi's warriors are not allowed to marry. Plagued by visions of his lover perishing during childbirth, Anakin finds himself driven to make a deal with the devil to prevent what he sees as inevitable from occurring.

It would be unfair of me to spoil the fun by revealing any further details, as it'd be best to arrive uninformed and sit with baited breath for each successive revelation. As for the technological wizardry, Lucas has outdone himself in this regard, from battle sequences to molten rivers to hyperbolic spaceships to futuristic skylines to haunting holograms and beyond, all pulled off with a seamless interface of the real with the computer-generated.

The film's only glaring flaw, regrettably, lies in its dialogue which presents trite lines like, "Your arrogance blinds you!" and "You are fulfilling your destiny!" as if profound. While such pretentious pronouncements might impress the kids, they only elicit groans from the average adult.

Nonetheless, a fitting capstone on a collection of screen classics for the ages.

Very Good (★★★). Rating: PG-13 for sustained, sci-fi violence and some disturbing images. Running time: 140 minutes. Studio: 20th Century Fox.

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Brothers (R for nudity, profanity and violence) Sibling rivalry is at the center of this family drama about a previously irresponsible drifter who turns a new leaf by caring for his sister-in-law and her two daughters after his soldier brother disappears in Afghanistan. In Danish with subtitles.

Crash (R for sex, expletives, and violence). This slices-of-lives melodrama revolves around an assortment of social issues faced by an ethnically-diverse set of strangers who cross paths by chance in the wake of a car accident. Cast includes Sandra Bullock, Don Cheadle, Brendan Fraser, Tony Danza, Thandie Newton, Matt Dillon, Jennifer Esposito, Terence Howard, Ryan Phillippe, Ludacris, Keith David, Larenz Tate, Loretta Devine, and Nona Gaye.

Dawnfall: (Unrated). Set in 1945, this World War II drama humanizes Hitler to present a sympathetic portrait of the Führer and his Nazi minions as the Allies closed in during the Third Reich's final days. In German and Russian with subtitles.

Enran: The Smartest Guys in the Raam (Unrated). Comic documentary takes a close look at CEO Ken Lay and explores the story behind the collapse of his once high-flying company's stock.

The Hitchhiker's Guide ta the Galaxy (PG for adult themes, action sequences, and mild epithets). Sci-fi adventure, adapted from the first in a popular series of five novels by the late Douglas Adams. Initial installment revolves around a guy (Martin Freeman) who stows away aboard a spaceship seconds before the Earth is blown to bits. Cast includes Mos Def, Zooey Deschanel, and John Malkovich.

The Interpreter (PG-13 for sex, expletives, and violence). Academy Award-winner Sydney Pollack directs a couple of other Oscar-winners in a political potboiler about an FBI Agent (Sean Penn) assigned to protect a United Nations interpreter (Nicole Kidman) who overheard a death threat against the head of an African nation (Earl Cameron) only to become the target of the assassins as well.

Kicking & Screaming (PG for mature themes, mild epithets, and crude humor). Will Ferrell stars in this kiddie comedy as a dysfunctional soccer dad who coaches his 10 year-old son's team all the way to a showdown against the league favorites trained by his own overly competitive father (Robert Duvall).

Kingdam of Heaven (R for graphic scenes of epic warfare). Ridley Scott (Glodiotor) directs this 12th century tale about the heroic exploits of a young peasant-turned-knight (Orlando Bloom), who joins the Crusades to defend Jerusalem from Muslim marauders, while also finding time to charm the besieged city's princess (Eva Green). With Liam Neeson, Jeremy Irons, Brendan Gleeson, and Eriq Ebouaney.

Ladies in Lavender (PG-13 for brief profanity). Dames Judi Dench and Maggie Smith share the title role in this costume drama, set in England in 1936, about a couple of spinster sisters living in seclusion in a seaside Cornish cottage whose peace and quiet is disturbed when a wounded Polish violinist floats in with the tide and triggers a round of sibling rivalry.

The Longest Yard (PG-13 for crude and sexual humor, profanity, violence and drug references) Adam Sandler stars in this remake of the 1974 Burt Reynolds' romp about a pro quarterback behind bars who leads a rag-tag team of fellow convicts in a game of football against their prison guards. Cast includes comedian Chris Rock, gangsta' rapper Nelly, SNL's Tracy Morgan, NFL alums Brian Bosworth, Michael Irvin and Bill Romanowski. And Burt returns, but in a different role.

Laak at Me (PG-13 for brief profanity and sexuality). This French farce, set in Paris' publishing industry, features an ensemble cast of seven characters whose love lives intersect in a curious fashion. In French with subtitles.

Madogascar (PG for crude humor, mild epithets and mature themes) Animated family adventure about four animals raised in captivity at New York's Central Park Zoo who escape but end up crated and carted off to Africa where they have to fend for themselves in the wild. Starring Ben Stiller as a lion, Chris Rock as a zebra, David Schwimmer as a giraffe, and Jada Pinkett-Smith as a pregnant hippopotamus. Supporting voice cast includes Cedric the Entertainer and Andy Richter.

Manster-in-Law (PG-13 for expletives and sexual references). Jane Fonda makes a comeback in the title role of this romantic comedy as a snobby, shrewish socialite who tries to come between her son (Michael Vartan) and his dog-walker fiancée (Jennifer Lopez). Typecast J-Lo reprises same sort of underdog-after-rich-guy role she's played in *The Wedding Planner*, *Maid in Monhattan*, etcetera.

Star Wors Episode III: Revenge af the Sith (PG-13 for sci-fi violence and intense images) The curtain comes down on the prequel trilogy with this third installment which ends exactly where the original George Lucas adventure began. Jedi Knight Anakin Skywalker (Hayden Christensen) must morph into Darth Vader and turn on Obi Wan-Kenobi (Ewan McGregor). Returning cast members include Natalie Portman and Samuel L. Jackson.

Unleoshed (R for graphic violence, sexuality, profanity, and nudity). Jet Li stars in this martial arts adventure, set in Scotland, as a slave, raised by his master (Bob Hoskins) as a lethal fighting machine, who gets in touch with his sensitive side through music lessons from a blind piano tuner (Morgan Freeman).

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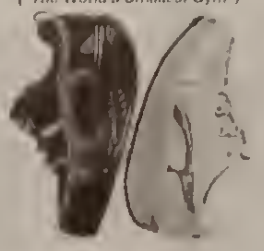
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The bride, 34, known as Mandy, is a graduate of Princeton High School and Stanford University. She received her Ph.D. in Neurobiology from the University of Washington, where she is now a lecturer in the Genome Sciences Department.

The bridegroom, 33, a graduate of the University of Washington, is an architect with Magellan Architects of Redmond, Wash.

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Tiger Softball Shows It Can Play With Best at NCAAs, Now Aiming for Big Breakthrough on National Stage

Maureen Barron has maintained all spring that her Princeton University softball team can play with anyone in the country when it's on its game.

Facing elimination from the NCAA Tournament last Sunday, the Tigers provided some graphic proof of their coach's point.

Battling powerful Oklahoma State at the Tucson, Ariz. regional, Princeton led 3-0 after five innings on the strength of two homers from senior star Melissa Finley and some dazzling pitching by freshman phenom Kristen Schaus.

"The team came on the field in great shape for that game," said Barron.

"We had two games under our belt and we had gotten all the nerves and rustiness out of our system. Schaus was throwing a great game and we were really swinging the bats well."

But then Oklahoma State erupted for three runs in the sixth and three more in the seventh to top Princeton 6-3 and end the Tigers' season.

"OSU is a really good team," said Barron, whose club finished with a 36-20 record.

"They got some kids on base and got some big hits. If we could take back two pitches from that game we could've had a different result. I'm really proud of how our girls played. That game was by far our best showing."

STRAIGHT SHOOTER:Princeton junior pitching ace Erin Snyder fires a delivery in a recent game. Last Saturday, Snyder got the win as Princeton beat Lehigh 3-1 in the NCAA Regional at Tucson, Ariz. Princeton's season ended a day later when it fell 6-3 to Oklahoma State. Snyder, the 2005 Ivy League Pitcher of the Year, posted a 17-5 record this spring. The Tigers finished with an overall record of 36-20, going 12-2 in Ivy play as they won their third league title in the last four years. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Barron acknowledged that it took her club a little time to get in sync after an extended break which saw Princeton last play on April 30 when it swept a doubleheader from Rider.

"We weren't playing at the top of game in the first two games," said Barron, whose club opened the regional by falling 6-1 to Oklahoma State last Friday. "We weren't sharp. Maybe we were a little rusty from that long layoff. We got better everyday."

Princeton rebounded from the loss to edge Lehigh 3-1 on Saturday, giving the program its first win in NCAA competition since 1996.

"Our goal after losing the first game was to get at least one win," said Barron, who got solid pitching from Erin Snyder in the win over Lehigh.

SPECIAL TY: Princeton University senior catcher Ty Ries pounds out a hit in action earlier this spring. Last weekend, Ries had two RBIs as Princeton topped Lehigh 3-1 in an NCAA regional contest played in Tucson, Ariz. The Tigers were eliminated from the regional when they fell 6-3 to Oklahoma State last Sunday. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

"Lehigh is a good team; they only lost 10 games this season. They scored a run early but we came back. It was great to see Ty Ries drive in two runs to help give us that win."

In Barron's view, the senior pair of Finley and Ries helped lay the foundation for Princeton's current prowess.

Finley is a four-time All-Ivy performer who was the league's Player of the Year in 2003. The outfielder from London, Ontario holds the program record with 37 homers.

Ries, for her part, has been a two-time honorable mention All-Ivy performer at catcher and has twice been named to the CoSIDA/ESPN, The Magazine District 2 Academic All-America Team.

"I can't even put into words what they have meant for us," declared Barron, who has guided Princeton to Ivy titles in three of the last four seasons and now has an overall 138-101-1 record in her five seasons at the helm.

"They were my first two recruits. They made major contributions and have been great leaders as seniors. They helped build the program. Any success that we have in the near future will be attributable in part to them."

Princeton's future looks bright with a core of returning stars like Snyder, the Ivy League Pitcher of the Year and Schaus, the league's Rookie of the Year, together with honorable mention All-Ivy performers in Cristina Cobb-Adams, Amanda Erickson and Beth Dalmut.

For Barron, it is her returnees' attitude as much as their talent that bodes well for the future.

"We stayed around after we lost to watch the final game between Arizona and Oklahoma State," said Barron.

"OSU lost in eight innings. We are right there. The girls are anxious to get back this fall and get to work. They are already talking about coming back stronger and in better shape than they were at the end of this season."

If the Tigers can get stronger, they may end next season in better shape.

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Princeton Men's Golf Falters at Regional, Shoots to Make It Back With a Vengeance

The Princeton University men's golf team had high hopes as it headed west last weekend to Stanford, Calif. for the NCAA West regional but unfortunately its game went south once it arrived in the Golden State.

After shooting a 306 and a 301 in its first two rounds last Friday, Princeton stood at 24th of the 26 teams in the regional. Needing a miracle on the last day to get into the top ten places required to advance out of the regional, the Tigers shot a 301 to end with a three-round total of 908 and slip to 25th place.

Tiger head coach Will Green, who had felt that his team could make a special statement on the national stage, couldn't pinpoint what knocked his team off track.

"It's safe to say that we are disappointed," said Green in reflecting on his team's performance in the regional. "We all believed we could advance and it didn't happen. We played poorly. We weren't nervous or ill-prepared. I'm not sure what went wrong."

Princeton's players didn't help themselves in terms of course management. "The course was set up to reward good shots and punish bad ones," explained Green. "We made some mistakes early and that hurt us."

The Tigers' top performer was senior star Creighton Page, who shot a 13-over 223 to finish in a tie for 77th in the individual standings. Jason Gerkin shot a 224 to finish in a tie for 80th while Jesse Dixon shot a 225 to tie for 88th.

"Creighton played reasonably well," said Green of Page who had won the Ivy League individual title earlier this spring. "He didn't make many birdies. I think he got worn out by the last day due to trying so hard."

The Tigers' collective effort allowed them to put the setback in perspective. "Once it had set in that we weren't going to advance, we focused on the good things we accomplished this spring," said Green.

"The guys are good about leaving things on the golf course and not dwelling on that. I think we left the course disappointed that we didn't take advantage of this opportunity but thinking that we will be back."

Princeton appears to have an excellent shot at coming back since it is only losing Page from the lineup.

"We have four starters coming back," asserted Green, who has led the Tigers to five Ivy titles in his six years at the helm.

"I think they learned that they have to be even more disciplined leading up to the event. Once we get into the exam period, we get to practice only about one to one and a half hours a day. We need to take those one and a half hours and be more disciplined and focused on what we are doing."

—Bill Alden

SHORT-LISTED: Princeton senior women's lacrosse star Lindsey Biles, center, splits the Maryland defense in the Tigers' 16-8 win over the Terps in the NCAA tournament. Biles was named last week as one of the five women's finalists for the Tewaaraton Award, awarded to the most outstanding player in college lacrosse. Biles, an Annapolis, Md. native, was named as the 2005 Ivy League Co-Player of the Year after leading Princeton with 55 goals and 71 points this spring. The productive attacker ended her career second all-time in program history in points (221) and goals (175). She trails Crista Samaras '99 in both categories. Biles is the program's fifth Tewaaraton finalist with Tiger defensive great Rachael Becker having won the award in 2003. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

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Crew Coach Murtaugh Announces Resignation

Joe Murtaugh, the highly regarded coach of the Princeton University men's lightweight crew team, is resigning after the 2005 season, the athletics department said last week.

This is Murtaugh's 18th year at Princeton and his 17th season guiding the Princeton men's lightweight program. During his tenure, he has led the Tigers to four national titles and four Eastern Sprints crowns.

"My wife and I are expecting our first child soon," said Murtaugh in explaining his decision to leave Princeton. "Both of our careers involve long hours, so after considering all of our options, it made the most sense for me to stay home. I can't imagine a better coaching environment than Princeton. I received unwavering support and guidance from the administration, alumni and especially my colleagues at the boathouse, who I count among my very best friends. I consider myself lucky and I will always be grateful for the time I spent with Princeton athletics."

Murtaugh, a 1983 graduate of the University of Virginia, has put together a career record of 87-33 and led Princeton to national championships in 1989, 1994, 1996, and 1998 and Eastern Sprints titles in 1996, 1998, 1999, 2003.

"Joe is respected by his student-athletes, our staff and alumni, and by his coaching peers for both the personal qualities he brings as a coach and for his technical knowledge of rowing," said Princeton director of athletics Gary Walters.

"He has done a great job, not only coaching the lightweight team, but also serving as the chief administrator for the boathouse. Joe is a person with tremendous integrity, and he will be sorely missed."

In addition to his success at Princeton, Murtaugh coached the U.S. lightweight eight from 1997 until 2001. In 1999 his lightweight eight won a gold medal at the World Championships in St. Catharines, Ont. — the first victory in that event for the U.S. in 25 years. Murtaugh then led a young crew to gold in Zagreb, Croatia, in 2000 and bronze in Lucerne, Switzerland in 2001. In 1998 Murtaugh's lightweight eight won the silver medal at the World Championships in Cologne, Germany.

A national search for Murtaugh's successor will begin immediately.

Tiger Pitcher Stiller Garners NJCBA Award

Princeton University junior pitcher Erik Stiller was named as the Pitcher of the Year last week by the New Jersey Collegiate Baseball Association.

Stiller led Princeton with a 6-2 record and a 2.98 ERA. He hurled two shutouts and put together a 24-inning streak where he didn't allow a run, the second longest such streak in program history.

Stiller, a native of Bryan, Texas, is the second Tiger to be named Pitcher of the Year, with Thomas Pauly taking the award in 2003. Joining Stiller in being named first-team all-state this spring were seniors Will Venable and Brian Kappel together with junior Andrew Salini.

Venable, an outfielder, led Princeton in hitting with a .390 average. He slugged nine homers and had 35 RBIs. Kappel, a relief specialist, had a 2-1 record with six saves and a 2.01 ERA. Salini, an outfielder, hit .371 with five homers and 26 RBIs.

Freshman pitcher Steven Miller was named to to the state's all-rookie team after going 2-0 with a 2.78 ERA.

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As the summer approaches and the school year ends, teenagers often find themselves with time on their hands, money in their pockets and a desire to consume alcoholic beverages. This triggers significant concerns, including criminal and civil liability for minors who consume alcohol, and criminal and civil liability for adults who provide alcohol, or a place to consume alcohol, to minors.

In New Jersey, no person under the age of twenty-one may possess or consume alcoholic beverages in a public place, a school or a motor vehicle. Moreover, it is unlawful for a person under twenty-one to enter premises licensed to sell alcoholic beverages for the purpose of purchasing alcohol, to actually consume alcohol, to misrepresent his or her age in order to purchase alcohol or to enter such premises to purchase alcohol for another under-aged person. What most people likely do not realize is that parents or legal guardians of offending minors are also notified of any violation and, upon a subsequent violation by a minor, the parent or legal guardian of the offender may also be held criminally responsible.

It is also unlawful to offer or serve alcoholic beverages, or make them available, to a person under the age of twenty-one. Moreover, it is unlawful for a person to make property owned, leased or managed by that person available to another person if alcohol will be made available for consumption by, or will be consumed by, persons who are under twenty-one. Accordingly, if you are considering hosting a party for teenagers, or even making your property available for such a party, and alcoholic beverages will be served, you may expose yourself to criminal liability.

New Jersey law exempts, however, parents or legal guardians of minors if the consumption is for religious reasons, or if the parent or legal guardian of the minor is of legal age, is present and approves of the minor's consumption of alcohol. Accordingly, parents and guardians may permit minors under their care to consume alcoholic beverages, but the parents or guardians must be present and must be over twenty-one.

It is important to note that these exemptions do not authorize a parent or guardian to permit minors in their care to consume alcohol in public places, in schools or in motor vehicles. Furthermore, these exemptions do not in any manner excuse one from civil liability for the negligent provision of alcohol to minors who subsequently injure themselves or others.

Furthermore, retail establishments that serve alcohol are governed by separate statutory provisions, which make it unlawful to sell alcoholic beverages to a person under the age of twenty-one. The law, however, excuses such conduct where: (1) the purchaser falsely represented his or her age by producing photographic identification; (2) the appearance of the purchaser could lead an ordinary person to believe he or she was of legal age; and (3) the sale was made in good faith and in the reasonable belief that the purchaser was of legal age.

That, however, is only half the battle, for a person who serves or makes alcoholic beverages available to minors may be held civilly liable for injuries caused by a minor to others and/or to themselves. The intricacies of this area of the law are better left for another article, however, one should, at the very least, know that the law treats hosts and licensed retail establishments differently when they serve alcohol to minors than when they serve them to adults.

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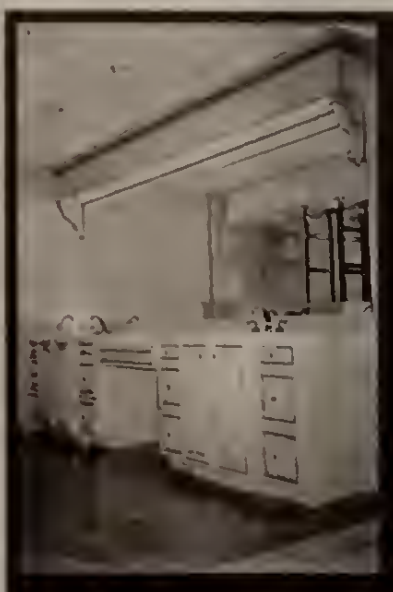

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PHS Boys' Golf Team Caps Dream Season With Big Day at Tournament of Champions

As the Princeton High boys' golf team departed last Monday for the long trek to the Burlington Country Club to compete in the Tournament of Champions, the players were calm.

By the time they got near the course, the magnitude of the challenge ahead prompted more than a few butterflies in their stomachs.

"When we got on the bus the kids all said that they weren't nervous," recalled PHS coach Sheryl Severance.

"A couple of miles from the course, Peter [Teifer] said he was getting nervous. The other guys admitted that they were too."

But as they have done all spring, the Little Tigers shook off their nerves to produce some sparkling golf.

PHS shot a 324 to finish just one stroke behind Ramapo in the Group III standings. Overall, the Little Tigers finished sixth of the 24 teams that qualified as the state's best of the best.

Leading the way for PHS was Mike DiMeglio, who shot a 76 to finish third in Group III and tenth overall in the individual standings. Jordan Gibbs carded an 81 while Teifer had an 84.

Severance had mixed emotions as she assessed her team's effort. "I'm happy with how we did but I'm disappointed that it came down to one stroke," said Severance, whose team posted a 20-1 record in dual matches this spring.

"It's worse to lose by one stroke than by 10. You replay the shots and you think about the one that could've made the difference. I am happy that we beat some of the big guys like Haddonfield, Ridge, and Moorestown."

The Little Tigers certainly enjoyed seeing how their game stood up in the high-stakes, big-time atmosphere that pervades the Tournament of Champions.

"This was our goal this year," said Severance. "It was totally different than the sectional. There was a program, things were really organized. The people were excited; there were banners on the course."

After getting a taste of that excitement, the junior-laden PHS squad is looking to return to the event and leave with the big prize.

"I don't know if they saw themselves as a team that could win it all," added Severance. "Afterward they said you know we are juniors, we have next year to do this."

Based on how the Little Tigers won this year's Group III South and Central Sectional, at Running Deer after stumbling at that step in 2004, Severance isn't betting against her charges.

"They were much more confident this year at the sectional," asserted Severance. "They were familiar with the course and they knew what to expect. The confidence really showed in their putting. Last year, they missed a lot of short putts. This year, they were aiming to hit the back of the cup."

As a result of that confidence, PHS produced a season that even bettered its undefeated campaign last spring.

"Even though we were undefeated last year, this year was certainly a step up," said Severance, citing the team's wins at the Cherry Valley Tournament, the Mercer County Tournament, and the sectional. "They came through when they challenged some of the best teams in the state."

Now PHS has to be mentioned early in any conversation regarding the top teams in New Jersey.

"They are happy that people are talking about them now," said Severance, whose team linishes up the season by competing in the Greater Princeton Challenge on May 26 at the Princeton Country Club.

"They have brought attention to golf in Mercer County which has tended to get overlooked by a lot of people around the state."

PHS figures to be in the glare of the spotlight next season as its talented core looks to end their careers in style.

—Bill Alden

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EYES ON THE PRIZES: Princeton High boys' golf coach Sheryl Severance, third from right in the front row, and her players are all smiles as they display some of the spoils of victory they have have earned this spring. Last Monday, PHS finished sixth overall and second in Group III in the team standings at the Tournament of Champions. PHS posted a 20-1 record in dual matches and earned titles at the Group III South and Central Sectional, the Mercer County Tournament, and the Cherry Valley Tournament.

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With MacDonald Wearing Down His Foes, PHS Boys' Tennis Makes Sectional Final

He is affectionately called the "wall" by his buddies on the Princeton High boys' tennis team due to his propensity for returning any ball hit on his side of the net.

But senior singles star Graham MacDonald felt like he had hit a wall earlier this spring as he struggled to find his form.

"I was losing a lot before," said MacDonald reflecting his early-season play.

"I wasn't here the first week of the season because I was sick and then I was gone during spring break. We had a rough schedule. Now we're playing a lot of matches in a row and that has helped me."

MacDonald showed how much progress he has made last Thursday in the Central Jersey Group III sectional semifinals as he posted a 6-2, 6-0 win over John Cheng of WW/P-N at second singles to help PHS take a 4½ to ½ win over the Northern Knights.

"I lost a tough three-setter to this guy earlier," pointed out MacDonald, who will be looking to keep rolling with PHS slated to face Hopewell Valley on May 24 in the sectional final in a match to be played at WW/P-N.

"The last time I played him I didn't hit any of my passing shots. I gave him a lot of problems today. This time I hit a lot of balls at his feet."

MacDonald acknowledged with a grin that he prides himself on wearing down his foes. "My game is to get into people's heads," asserted MacDonald, who played for the PHS boys' soccer program in the fall. "I don't usually hit it fast or hit a lot of winners. I'm a fast runner and I try to get to a lot of balls."

In MacDonald's view, the team's early struggles helped the players fine-tune their games. "We've experienced some tough losses," added MacDonald, who started the season playing at third singles before moving up through challenge matches. "You build on those and keep going. You see why you lose, I was playing this way or that and I lost. I've been playing confidently all week; I'm just kicking it up."

PHS head coach Paul Lynch is getting a kick out of how MacDonald has been playing recently. "Graham is not just getting the ball back but he's putting it in a spot they can't get to," said Lynch, who has guided PHS to a 15-6 mark in his debut season at the helm.

"He's passing guys unbelievably well. He's got a good game plan. He knows when to push things and then take advantage. He lets them make mistakes. When he does draw them in, he's able to put them away."

Lynch is pleased with how his singles players have been putting away their foes down the stretch of the season.

"The last two weeks our singles guys have been playing extremely well," said Lynch, who has senior Chris Hoeland playing at first singles and freshman Matt Ullmann holding down third singles.

"We have played good competition and their games have stepped up to that level. They have played the tough competition and made it look easy at times."

Ullmann and Hoeland made it look easy last Thursday as the former won 6-3-6-1 over Apurva Dabholkar while the latter breezed to a 6-2, 6-1 victory over Wayne Jeng.

The development of freshman Ullmann has been a key to PHS' late season surge. "Matt had a tough time at the beginning of the season," said Lynch

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"I think part of it was the daily grind of high school tennis, playing five days a week with so many matches. I think that physically Matt is conditioned and he's able to put away matches that earlier in the year he was getting tired."

Hoeland has been the rock for PHS, losing only one match so far this spring in replacing the graduated Ilia Shatashvili at No. 1 singles.

"Chris Hoeland is a great kid, he has worked so hard," declared Lynch of his senior who won the first singles title at the Mercer County Tournament earlier this spring.

"I'm happy that he is having such personal success in his senior year. He's finally at No. 1 singles to show what everyone knew he could do. He's a terrific captain, he gets along with the guys really well. He leads by example. He goes and does his business. The kids see that he is working hard and they feed off of that."

Sparked by Hoeland's brilliance and leadership, PHS has upheld the program's tradition of excellence by again making it a sectional final.

"I think it's important for us to maintain the quality that PHS has had even though this is a bit of a rebuilding year," said Lynch of the program which has reached the Group III Final Four the last three years. "We're still able to put out a quality team. We have a lot of younger guys that are ready to step up for next year."

MacDonald, for his part, is thrilled to have played such a key role in helping PHS maintain its winning ways.

"It means a lot, I never thought I'd be the No. 2 singles player," asserted MacDonald. "There was a spot open after Ilia left but I didn't know if anyone was going to step up. It's nice to step up and finally win the last few matches, especially in states. It's my senior year, I want to see us go really far."

—Bill Alden

SMOOTH STROKE: Princeton High senior star Chris Hoeland fires a backhand on his way to victory at first singles last Thursday in PHS' win over WW/P-N in the Central Jersey Group III sectional semifinal. Hoeland, who earlier won the county title at first singles, is 20-1 so far this spring.

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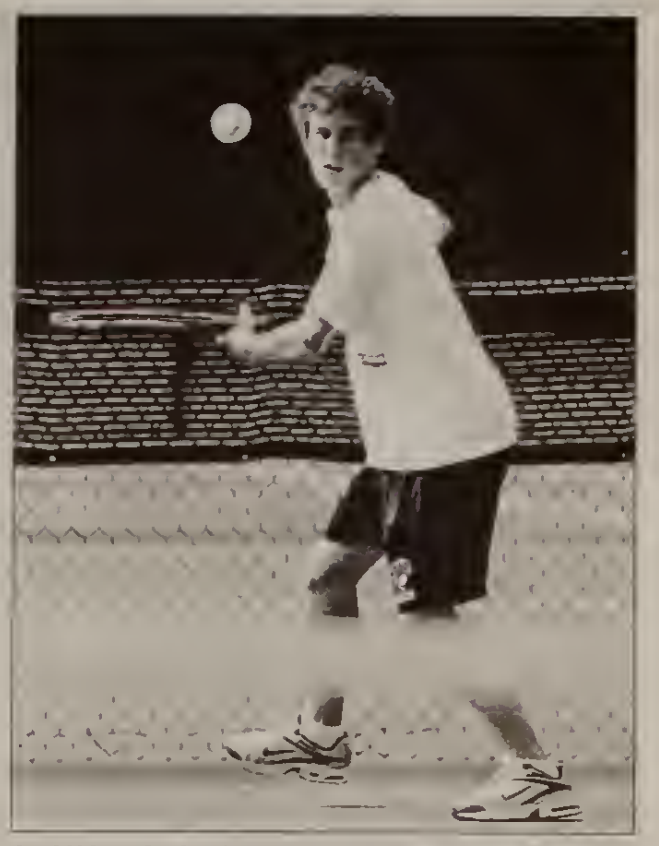

GRAHAM CRACKER: Princeton High senior Graham MacDonald strokes a shot in his straight-set win over John Cheng of WW/P-N last Thursday in the Central Jersey Group III sectional semifinal to help the Little Tigers to a 4½ to ½ win. PHS was slated to play Hopewell Valley in the sectional final on May 24 with the state group semis and finals scheduled to take place on May 26.

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Fighting Through Inconsistent Swing, Hun's Morales 2nd in Prep Girls' Golf

Ica Morales knew something was not quite right as she warmed up last Wednesday for the NJISAA Prep Girls' Golf Championship at Peddie.

"While I was practicing on the driving range, I knew I didn't have my swing," said Morales, a Hun School senior who won last year's Prep girls' title. "I knew I would have to fight to get a good score."

Morales got her round off to a rough start with some bogeys but then got back into contention with a birdie on the fifth hole. Fighting her swing, Morales went for broke on the ninth and final hole but ended with a bogey to shoot a 43 and lose the title by one stroke to Liz Batchelor of the Pennington School.

In assessing her performance, Morales acknowledged that she felt some nerves in her bid to repeat her title. "I made a mental error on the ninth, I gambled and went for the flag," recalled Morales.

"In golf, you have to keep your mind on each shot. You have to know when you can't be overly aggressive. It is a lot harder to defend when everybody's eyes are on you. It is easier when you are the underdog."

Seeking to reinforce that lesson of focusing on each shot, Morales carried her second-place medal with her a day later as she competed for Hun in the state Prep A team championship. "I carried it around in my left pocket," recalled Morales. "I rubbed it and I thought I need to keep my head on every shot."

Morales accomplished that goal as she carded a 42 on the front nine and then fired a 39 on the back nine to end up with an 81. The Raiders ended up shooting a 317 to finish one stroke behind champion Peddie in the team standings. Zach LaPalme fired a 77 and Tom Stoddard shot a 78 to lead Hun.

"It was a better showing for me, I putted better," said Morales, who is the only girl on the Hun team. "It was good to come back from Wednesday like that."

Morales said that playing while being the only girl on the Hun squad has been a good experience for her. "Playing with the guys has been so much fun," said Morales, who spent her winters at Hun playing for the girls' basketball team.

"I don't see it as a matter of showing them up. I just wanted to play golf and have fun. They joke with me and they support me. It loosens me up on the course."

Morales believes she is heading to a similarly supportive atmosphere this fall when she heads to Bucknell University.

"It's sad to say goodbye but it's exciting to know that I have the chance to play golf at the next level," said Morales, whose career goal is to become a college basketball coach.

"The people at Bucknell are so friendly, I feel like I really fit in. I've spoken to the some of the girls on the golf team and I feel I have a good chance of playing with them. I'm also going to talk to the basketball coaches to see how they got their start. I'll be a team manager or break down films, whatever I need to do to get started."

As Morales pursues the opportunities afforded at Bucknell, she will apply one of the key lessons of her Hun experience.

"The big thing I learned in high school is how to face adversity," asserted Morales. "When something bad happens in sports, you need to suck it up, take a deep breath and keep playing. If you do poorly on a test or in a class, you can't give up."

The persistence that Morales showed in rebounding from the disappointment of last Wednesday bodes well for her future endeavors in sports and academics.

—Bill Alden

DRIVING AMBITION: Hun School senior Ica Morales manages a smile as she displays the silver medal she earned for taking second last Wednesday in the NJISAA Prep Girls' Golf Championship at Peddie. Morales finished one stroke off the lead as she narrowly failed in her bid to win a second straight Prep title.

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Hun Boys' Lax Struggled Down Stretch But Young Players Learned Key Lessons

The Hun School boys' lacrosse team faced a daunting prospect last Wednesday night, trailing powerful Montgomery High by four goals at the half.

Coming off a 19-4 defeat to Lawrenceville a day earlier in the state Prep A championship game, the Hun players could've hung their heads against the twice-beaten Cougars and accepted a beating.

Instead, Hun came out the gate in the second half with fire in its eyes, outscoring Montgomery 5-2 to narrow the gap to 8-7. Although the Raiders ran out of gas in ultimately succumbing 15-9, Hun head coach Eric Kemp was proud of how his team endured despite being hit with a late-season marathon of games.

"Brutal," said a slightly hoarse Kemp in assessing his team's busy schedule down the stretch. "We've had four games in six days with only one day to prepare for the two teams we played this week."

Hun's task was made even tougher since Lawrenceville and Montgomery probably represent the two stiffest tests faced by the Raiders this spring.

"They are two of the best teams we play, essentially we played two championship games back-to-back," added Kemp. "I'm happy with how we played after getting blown out yesterday."

Kemp is happy with how his youthful team has responded this season in the wake of losing eight starters from last year's team to graduation.

"I think it's been outstanding," asserted Kemp, whose club fell 16-5 last Saturday to Hopewell Valley to finish with an 11-8 record.

"The kids have worked hard. They have gotten support from the program. We've built some consistency with three winning seasons in a row."

With a rueful grin, Kemp acknowledged that the development of his younger players hasn't always been a smooth process.

"We have kids who are sophomores who are going through the learning curve," explained Kemp.

"That can be difficult; some kids can be a little headstrong. It's taken a while for them to believe in our concepts and the principles we try to teach."

The Raiders showed how well they learned those lessons in a three-game stretch that saw them rally to beat Peddie 11-9 in the Prep A semis and then edge Voorhees 10-9 and rout New Egypt 13-1.

"I think the comeback against Peddie and the emotion we showed with Voorhees were highlights," said Kemp.

"Both wins over Peddie were outstanding. We had only four seniors while Peddie had 10 and Lawrenceville had 20."

Kemp was pleased with the strides made by several of his young players. "I thought Trey Geier was outstanding in goal," said Kemp, referring to his sophomore goalkeeper who recorded 15 saves in the loss to Montgomery. "When we lost a three-time all-state goalie in Chris Giordano, we had no idea who was going to play that position."

Hun also got good work from sophomore midfielder A. J. Blackburn and junior attacker Jake Ballarotto.

"They have been put in some pressure situations," said Kemp, whose junior star Matt Loy passed the 200-point mark in his Hun career by scoring two goals in the Montgomery game. "It's different when you're playing a back-up role behind four or five guys who are going on to play college lacrosse."

Kemp believes that the lessons his young players have learned this spring will yield dividends in the future.

"We're a young team," said Kemp. "You're able to point out things as a season develops when you've played tough games like we have. I think it's going to materialize. I think it's a great group for us."

—Bill Alden

OOUBLE CENTURY: Hun School junior attacker Matt Loy looks for an opening in a game earlier this spring. Loy passed the 200-point mark in his Hun career with his two-goal effort in the Raiders' 15-9 loss to Montgomery last Wednesday. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

ON THE RISE: Hun School sophomore Colin Rosenblum heads to goal in recent action. Rosenblum was one of several young Hun players who made major strides this spring. The Raiders finished the season with an 11-8 mark as they advanced to the state Prep A championship game. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

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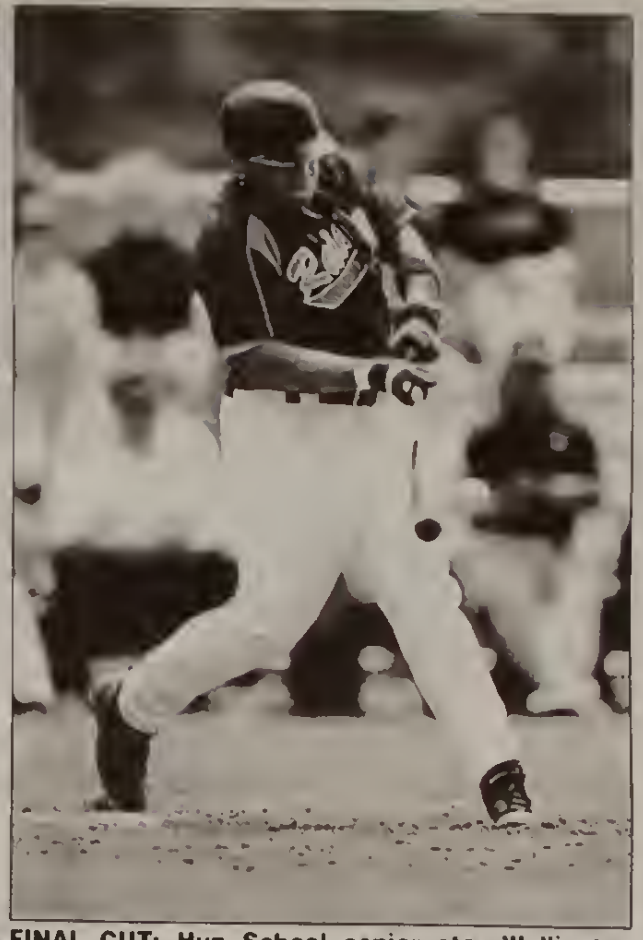

FINAL CUT: Hun School senior star Wellington Talkpa makes contact in Hun's win over Blair last Wednesday in the Prep A semifinals. A day later, Talkpa cracked a three-run homer and went 4-for-7 on the afternoon but it wasn't enough as Hun fell 13-7 and 12-7 to Peddie in the Prep A championship. Hun finished the spring with a 15-8 record.
(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Hun Baseball Overpowered by Peddie As It Gets Swept in Prep A Title Clash

In putting together a solid spring, the Hun School baseball team has relied in large part on the impeccable pitching of Steve Garrison and its powerful hitting.

Heading into the state Prep A final last Thursday against Peddie, the Raiders didn't have Garrison available to pitch since he had hurled a complete-game shutout a day earlier against Blair to get Hun into the finals.

But needing just one win in the double elimination format, Hun felt its bats and remaining pitchers could carry it to the title.

Instead, it was Peddie that showed the most offensive punch as the Falcons piled up 25 runs on the day in sweeping Hun 13-7 and 12-7 to win the crown.

Hun assistant coach Dan O'Dea acknowledged that the Falcons powered its way to the title. "I think we came into it with a good mindset," said O'Dea, who ran the team last week because longtime coach Bill McQuade had been sidelined due to illness. "I thought that we had enough pitching. They just hit better than us, that is how it went down."

While Hun was rattled by Peddie's offensive onslaught, the Raiders didn't lose their competitiveness. In game one, Hun produced three-run rallies in both the fourth and fifth innings to tighten that contest. In the nightcap, the Raiders scored three runs in the bottom of the fifth to put a scare into Peddie.

"We battled hard, we kept fighting," said O'Dea, reflecting on the losses which left Hun with a final record of 15-8. "We were down by nine runs in the first game and we got it down to three. We kept coming all day long."

One Raider who showed the most fight was senior third baseman Wellington Talkpa, who smacked a three-run homer in game one and made several dazzling fielding plays at the hot corner.

"As far as Thursday, that was the capper for Welly," asserted O'Dea. "He did everything to try to help us win. He made great plays in the field. He blasted that three-run homer. He did things in both parts of the game."

In O'Dea's view, Hun's group of seniors which included Jon D'Angelo and Gene Pavitt in addition to Garrison and Talkpa did a lot to help the program over their careers.

"They reflected our program well in many different ways," declared O'Dea. "Jon D'Angelo did everything we asked of him. He even caught one game this spring and did a good job. Gene has turned himself into an unbelievable hitter. He transformed his body, he lifted and ran. He hit some monster shots for us."

But it is Garrison who made the biggest impact as he will go down in the annals of the Hun program as one of the top pitchers in school history.

"Steve was an absolute gem for us," said O'Dea of the gifted lefty who posted an unblemished 8-0 record this spring and is likely to get chosen in the Major League Baseball draft next spring.

"Pitching is what people see outwardly. What they don't see is Steve's character and the type of person he is. He is a really special kid and player. I don't think his character should be underestimated or overlooked."

O'Dea believes that Hun's versatility this spring should also not be underestimated. "We did a lot of things well," said O'Dea. "Some games we won with pitching, some we won with hitting and others we won with defense. We played small ball in some games and long ball in others."

While Hun came up short in its quest for the Prep A title, it's brand of play this spring has taken the proud program to a higher level.

"We have alums that come around and they would tell us that they thought they were good hitters but these kids can really hit," added Oidia. "I think the younger players know that they have to work hard to get to that level, if they want to be contributors, they have to step up."

—Bill Alden

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Hun Softball Fights Until Last Out, Going 2-1 After Prep A Setback

After getting swamped 8-1 by Peddie in the state Prep A final, the Hun School softball team could have gone through the motions in its remaining three games.

But looking to end the spring on a high note, the Raiders posted a 9-5 win over Blair and routed Hill 11-1 to set up a rematch with Peddie in its season finale.

With the Mid-Atlantic Prep League (MAPL) title on the line, Hun jumped out to a 2-0 lead on the strength of homers by Kait Kirby and Emily Rosenthal.

While Hun proved unable to hold its lead as Peddie broke through for a three-run rally in the bottom of the seventh, Hun coach Kathy Quirk liked the character her players showed in those last three games.

"I couldn't have been prouder, they could've folded after that Peddie game," said Quirk. "The day we lost 8-1 was not indicative of the way we played all season. I think we were emotionally and physically drained by the Lawrencevile game (a 5-3 win in 15 innings). We played great in the second game with Peddie until the bottom of the seventh. The girls really showed character."

In Quirk's view, much of the credit for the team's persistence has to go to her quartet of seniors — Kirby, Rosenthal, Jill Fonseca, and Georgia Papacostas.

"All four seniors have contributed in different ways," said Quirk, whose club ended with an 11-7 record.

"Kait never missed a practice or game in four years and got so many big hits. Em was solid on the mound for her last three years and did a good job as a catcher as a freshman. Jill was a solid force in the outfield for four years. Georgie worked hard to get a starting position. Softball doesn't come easily to her but she never stopped working. The seniors were all model student-athletes."

Quirk believes the seniors' legacy will rub off on her core of returning players which features such standouts as junior Christina Zimmerman, sophomore Alyssa Fares, and freshmen Morgan Cawley and Carly Evans.

"We had a meeting yesterday and we told the kids that they need to start lifting weights in September to get ready for next season," said Quirk. "There is a hunger. I already saw Evans in the weight room. We have a good group of kids returning."

A group of kids who learned this spring what it meant to play hard until the last out.

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Princeton Rowing Group Going Overtime As It Hosts Scholastic National Regatta

Marty Crotty can be forgiven if he sleeps in a little bit this Memorial Day.

As the executive director of the Princeton International Regatta Association (PIRA), Crotty is not going to get much rest this week as his group hosts the 71st annual Scholastic National Regatta on May 27-28.

With the event expected to draw 20,000 spectators and 3,800 competitors to the PIRA's headquarters at the Finn M.W. Casperson Rowing Center on Mercer Lake in Mercer County Park over its two days, Crotty and his colleagues are working overtime to get ready.

"We will use about 120 volunteers this weekend, not including our paid staff that has been working around the clock trying to put on a good production," said Crotty.

"The Mercer County Park Commission is also a critical cog in the wheel providing Rangers to support traffic control and general order. Volunteers include parents of the Mercer Junior Rowing Club athletes, the athletes themselves, and rowing enthusiasts in the community and from the region."

The PIRA has experience in handling big events as it has already staged the Mercer Lake Sprints/ISA Sculling Championships, the MAAC Rowing Championships, the U.S. Rowing National Selection Regatta I, and the Northeast Junior Regional Championships this spring. Later this summer, the PIRA will host the U.S. Rowing National Selection Regatta II, the U.S. Rowing Junior World Championship Trials, and the U.S. Rowing Senior World Championship Trials.

This is the first time the PIRA has hosted the Scholastic event and the organization is looking to make a good impression. "To host events of this size (the third or fourth largest domestic regatta annually) as well as the Scholastic "National Championship" means a great deal," asserted Crotty. "To have all of those eyeballs on our facility helps promote our cause to provide rowing to individuals of all levels in New Jersey."

There will be several local crews looking to show their stuff, including boats from Hun, Lawrenceville, Peddie, WW/P-S, and the PIRA's Mercer Junior Rowing Club. In Crotty's view, the locals should do well. "All of those boats could potentially make the final out of a field of 50+ boats," added Crotty, noting that St. Joe's Prep in Philadelphia and St. Augustine loom as major contenders in the boys' events.

No matter which crews ultimately prevail, Crotty believes that spectators who make their way to the event will be winners.

"They will certainly have their eyes opened to the underworld of Junior rowing in the U.S.," declared Crotty.

"If you didn't know this stuff went on every weekend, you will definitely know after a visit to this regatta. It will be a carnival-like atmosphere."

—**Bill Alden**

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SLIP SLIDING AWAY: Princeton Day School catcher Logan Laughlin applies the tag to a Newark Academy runner last Wednesday in the Prep B championship game. While PDS got the out on this play, it was little consolation as Newark prevailed 10-2 to take the title. The Panthers finished the spring with a 9-11 mark.
(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

PDS Baseball Misfires In Prep B Title Game, Sees Disappointment as Fueling Motivation

Coming into the state Prep B championship baseball game against Newark Academy last week, the Princeton Day School squad was clicking on all cylinders.

In the quarterfinals, PDS displayed powerful hitting in pounding out three homers to beat Pennington 7-6. The fifth-seeded Panthers relied on airtight pitching to win a 5-0 decision over top-seeded Montclair-Kimberley in the semis.

In the title contest, however, nothing clicked for PDS as it fell 10-2 to Newark, making five errors and issuing seven walks in the process.

"We couldn't catch the ball and we couldn't throw strikes, that was our problem," lamented PDS head coach Bruce Devlin in assessing his team's sloppy effort. "They really didn't have more than two hard hit balls the whole game. Everything that could go wrong did go wrong."

The setback was particularly distressing in view of what fifth-seeded PDS had accomplished in reaching the title game.

"I think the teams we beat to get there, Montclair, Kimberley, and Pennington were both better than Newark," asserted Devlin, whose team finished the season with a 9-11 record. "It was just a frustrating day."

While the final chapter was disappointing, Devlin was proud of the way his trio of seniors Colin Johnson, Dan O'Brien, and Charlie Bird ended their careers.

"The seniors played hard," said Devlin. "Colin started the season at DH (designated hitter) due to his shoulder problem but then moved to second base. He made the plays and went after the ball. Dan gave us a lot of innings on the mound against the best teams we played. Charlie Bird really came on in the last three weeks. He hit the ball hard and played a really good left field for us."

With nearly the whole team returning, Devlin has plenty of hope for the future. "We have 13 of 16 kids coming back and we should be bringing some good new kids," maintained Devlin. "The young kids want to work hard and they want to win."

One of the returners with the most desire to win is junior first baseman Andrew Davidson, who produced a breakthrough season.

"Andrew hit .454 and had four home runs," said Devlin referring to the junior who was named as a first team All-Prep performer along with Dan O'Brien with freshman Clint O'Brien receiving second–team honors.

"He can pick it at first base, I think he made one error all season. He was unbelievable. He took over at leadoff after Bam Miller got hurt and he gained more and more confidence as the season went on. He's a leader and he gets the other guys going."

The lessons that Davidson and the other returning players learned in their championship defeat should help them in the long run.

"I told the kids that you can't take any championship game for granted," said Devlin. "You never know when you're going to be back and you have to take advantage of those kind of opportunities."

Although PDS didn't seize that final opportunity, the Panthers had a memorable spring. "It was exciting," said Devlin. "Before the season, I thought we would end up around .500. We thought if we could steal a title this year, that would be great."

With the playoff experience and the returning talent, PDS should be in the middle of the title hunt again next spring.

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TOURNEY TIME: Princeton High senior attacker Mike Moseley heads to goal in a game earlier this spring. Last Wednesday, Moseley scored a goal and had an assist as PHS beat Hillsborough 10-5 to improve to 9-8 on the season. The Little Tigers play at WW/P-S this Wednesday in the opening round of the NJSIAA Group III state tournament. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

STUART

Lacrosse: In the wake of its state Prep B championship campaign, Stuart placed two players on the Bedesem Division all-star team. Sophomore midfielder Kelly Bruvik earned first-team recognition while senior midfielder Taylor Blazewski was named to the second team. Bruvik led the Tartans with 78 points on 65 goals and 13 assists. She now has 104 points in her Stuart career.

PHS

Baseball: Shortstop Anthony Bernazard had a big day but it was not enough as PHS dropped a 7-3 decision to Notre Dame last Wednesday. Bernazard went 2-for-3 with two runs and one RBI as the Little Tigers fell to 9-13 on the season.

Softball: Unable to quiet Notre Dame's bats, PHS dropped a 10-0 decision to the Irish last Wednesday. The Little Tigers were held to two hits as they dropped to 9-15 on the spring.

PDS

Boys' Lacrosse: Steve Adams came up big as PDS ended the season on a high note by posting a 10-6 win over Pennington last Friday. Adams, a senior midfielder, scored four goals and added an assist in his last game as the Panthers improved to 10-7. Pat Briody, Derek Mayer, and Fred Mittnacht each added a goal and an assist in the win. Goalie Oliver Burton recorded 11 saves to lead the defensive effort.

Girls' Lacrosse: Katie Briody led the way as PDS routed Ranney 12-1 last Wednesday to earn the Patriot Conference title. Briody scored three goals with Keely Langdon chipping in two and Nina Crouse, Meg Kerwin, Carly Crouse, Jess Cellars, Kristen Modzelewski, Kristina Costa and Leah Lefebvre all adding one apiece. The win left PDS with a final record of 12-5. The Panthers received recognition for their outstanding campaign as senior attacker Kerwin was named as a Bedesem Division first-team all-star with senior defender Modzelewski, sophomore attackere Briody, and sophomore midfielder Langdon garnering second-team honors.

Golf: PDS placed eighth of 10 teams last Thursday in the Prep B championships held at Peddie. John Maher shot an 86 as the Panthers had a team score of 350. PDS concludes its season by competing in the Princeton Challenge on May 26 at the Princeton Country Club.

HUN

Golf: Hun concluded its season last Thursday by falling just short of winning the state Prep A team title. The Raiders shot a 317 to tie for second with Seton Hall, one stroke behind champion Peddie. Zach LaPalme shot a 77 to lead Hun with John Mulvey firing a 78 and John Mulvey and Ica Morales both coming in at 81.

LAWRENCEVILLE

Baseball: Lawrenceville fell 6-5 to Peddie last Wednesday in the Prep A semifinals. Zach Diaco drove in two runs for the Big Red who finished with a final record of 8-16-1.

Boys' Lacrosse: Jeff Strittmatter and Evan Sullivan both had big days as Lawrenceville routed North Hunterdon 18-2 last Wednesday. Strittmatter fired in six goals while Sullivan chipped in four as the Big Red improved to 19-1 on the season. A day earlier, Sullivan tallied five goals to help lead Lawrenceville to a 19-4 win over Hun in the state Prep A championship game.

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LOCAL SPORTS

Town Topics Sports Wins 3 SPJ Awards

The Town Topics sports section swept the weekly newspaper sports reporting category in the New Jersey Society of Professional Journalists' 2004 reporting competition awards announced last week.

The article entitled "Tiger Women's Soccer Stymied by UCLA" written by Town Topics sports editor Bill Alden was chosen as the top story by the organization. Alden's piece, "Boyle Eclipses Career Assist Milestone," was picked as the No. 2 story while his article, "Scott's Fire, Princeton Approach Rocketed Air Force in NCAAs," was chosen as the No. 3 story.

Rec Department Holding Hoops Camps

The Princeton Recreation Department will be running three weeks of basketball camp for boys and girls this summer.

For boys, there will be two one-week sessions directed by Princeton High boys' hoops coach Dave Kosa. The first camp will take place from July 5-8 with the second one scheduled for August 8-12.

For girls, there will be a one-week session directed by PHS girls' basketball coach Nikki Inzano. That camp is slated to run from July 18-21.

The camps are open to students that will be entering grade 6-10 this September. All sessions will take place in the new gym at John Witherspoon Middle School. The camps will include general skill work as well as live game play. Campers will be able to swim at the Community Park pool after each daily session.

For more information, contact the Rec Department at (609) 921-9480 or log onto its website at www.princetonrecreation.com.

Senior Babe Ruth Baseball Now Holding Registration

The Princeton-Cranbury Senior Babe Ruth (SBR) baseball program has begun registration for the upcoming summer season.

The PC-SBR team is entered into the Mercer County Senior Babe Ruth League and plays against teams from Allentown, Hamilton, Lou Gehrig, Hopewell, Lawrence, Nottingham, Trenton, and West Windsor.

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Princeton Youth Soccer Recent Results

The Princeton Paws, a Princeton Soccer Association (PSA) Under-11 girls' travel team, overpowered Lawrence 6-1 last Sunday. Princeton was led by Janie Smukler who fired in 4 goals with Katie Killeen and Roni Nagle adding a goal apiece.

In other action, the Bengals, a PSA U-12 girls' club, edged the Somerset Hills Storm 2-1 last Sunday. Alison Salazar and Allison Reilly found the back of the net for the Bengals.

Wood Bat League Has Openings

The high school wood bat league has openings for teams looking to participate in its upcoming summer league.

The program offers divisions for junior varsity and varsity teams. The league has a flexible schedule and teams can expect to play up to 28 games.

For more information, contact Garden State baseball at (732) 382-4610 or visit the league's website at www.gardenstatebaseball.com.

BEARING DOWN: Colin Frawley of the Princeton Little League's Minor-A Cubs fires a pitch in recent action. Helped by Frawley's efforts, the Cubs are currently in first place in their division with a 10-2-1 record, 1.5 games ahead of the Red Sox (8-3-1).

(Photo by David Goldsmith)

PSA Soccer Holding Tryouts

The Princeton Soccer Association (PSA) will be holding tryouts for its 2005 fall travel teams from May 16-June 3.

The tryouts will be held at the Washington Road fields and are free and open to all players interested

During the week of May 23, the following tryouts will be held: U-9 boys-May 23 and 26 from 4:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.; U-12 girls premier-May 23 from 4:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.; U-12 girls competitive-May 25 from 4:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.; U-12 boys-May 25 from 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.; U-13 boys premier-May 26 from 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.; U-13 boys competitive- May 25 and 26 from 4:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m; U-13 girls premier-May 24 from 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.; U-13 girls competitive-May 25 and 26 from 6 p.m to 7:45 p.m.; U-14 girls premier-May 23 from 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.; U-14 girls competitive-May 23 and 24 from 4:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.; U-14 boys- May 23 from 4:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.; U-15 girls-May 24 from 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.; U-15 boys premier-May 23 from 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.; U-15 boys competitive-May 24 from 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.; U-16 girls-May 24 from 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.; and U-16 boys-May 25 from 6 p.m.-7:45 p.m. ; U-17 boys-May 26 from 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.; U-17 girls-May 25 from 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.; U-18 boys-May 26 from 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m., and U-18 girls-May 26 from 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

During the week of May 30, the following tryouts will be held: U-8 girls-June 1 and 3 from 4:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.; U-8 boys-May 31 and June 2 from 4:15 to 5:45 p.m.; U-9 girls-May 31 and June 2 from 4:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.; U-15 girls-May 31 from 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.; U-15 boys-June 2 from 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.; U-16 girls-May 31 from 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.; and U-17/U 18 girls-June 1 from 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

A full schedule of the tryouts and directions are available at the PSA website at www.princetonsoccer.org. For additional information, call the PSA Travel Office at (609) 737-4121.

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OBITUARIES

Michael Ramus

Michael Ramus, 87, of Skillman, died May 19 at the Stonebridge at Montgomery retirement community.

Born in Naples, Italy, he was a longtime Princeton resident.

A graduate of Phillips Exeter Academy, he attended Yale University and had further training at the Art Students League in New York City.

He served four years in the U.S. Army during World War II, where his duties included painting war-time patriotic posters. After the war, he volunteered as a night-time airplane spotter for civil defense in Princeton.

He was first employed as a comic book artist in New York City, and as a set designer in San Francisco. He became a commercial illustrator and cartoonist for major magazines such as Life, Sports Illustrated, Smithsonian, Reader's Digest and American Heritage. For a number of years he drew a weekly cartoon for The Princeton Packet. Also a painter and sculptor, he worked in a variety of media including collage and papier mache.

He was an enthusiastic amateur geologist who enjoyed trips to Red Lodge, Mont., with members of the Princeton University Geology Department. He was pleased to have unearthed the remains of a new type of dinosaur which was subsequently named after him and displayed in the University geology exhibit.

He was a member of the Society of Illustrators in New York City, the Princeton Artists Alliance, and the Second Sunday River Poets.

Predeceased by his wife, Grace Bigelow Cook, he is survived by two daughters, Anne Gray and Grace Ramus; a son, Peter; a sister, Anne Ramus; and four grandchildren.

A memorial service is planned for June. Details will be available at www.kimblefh.com, and will be announced at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association.

Funeral arrangements are by The Kimble Funeral Home.

Maron Craig

Maron "Hezzie" Craig, 79, of Princeton, died May 10 at home.

Born in Princeton, he lived with his family in Plainfield for several years before returning to Princeton. He attended schools in Princeton and Plainfield.

He served in the U.S. Marines.

He worked in the Princeton area as a building contractor.

Son of the late Maron Craig Sr. and Flora Nixon Craig Brown, he was predeceased also by his siblings, Nathan Craig, Francis Craig, Miriam "Babe" Craig Miller, and Jean Craig; and by his former wife Sarah Wood Craig. He is survived by two sons, Kevin of Flanders, N.J. and Jeremy of Morocco; and five grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 12 at Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church, 112 Witherspoon Street.

Arrangements are by the Hughes Funeral Home, Trenton.

Donald P. Albury

Donald P. Albury, 54, of Lawrenceville, died May 22 at the University Medical Center at Princeton.

Born in Bronx, N.Y. and raised in the Morningside Gardens neighborhood of Manhattan, his playgrounds were Cherry Park, Grant's Tomb, and Riverside Park.

His family was active in the parish life of Corpus Christi, where he attended school and sang in the boys and mens choirs until the age of 19. He graduated from Power Memorial Academy in 1968 where he was president of the Glee Club. He received a bachelor of science degree from Empire State College (SUNY) in 1980 and a master's of science in communication from Teachers College, Columbia University in 1982.

He began his career in media support as a part-time projectionist at Teachers College while still in high school. He continued to work at Teachers College for more than 17 years and rose to the position of Audio-Visual Coordinator for the college. In January 1986, he joined the Computing and Information Technology Division of Princeton University as assistant director of media services. Over the following 19 years he became manager of media services for the University within the division of the Office of Information Technology.

As a lover of the beauty and peace of the outdoors, and as an expert paddler, his wilderness tripping to Algonquin, Ontario, as a young man gave way later to yearly trips to Nova Scotia with his family.

An active member of the Chancel Choir of the Princeton United Methodist Church, he surrounded himself with the joy of music and the arts. He loved the opera of Puccini, the ballet of Balanchine, and the philosophy of Monty Python.

He is predeceased by his mother, Irene; his father Ray; and his brother Richard. He is survived by his wife of 23 years, LaVerna; a daughter, Jennifer; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held this Saturday, May 28 at 10 a.m. at the Princeton United Methodist Church.

Visitation will be this Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. and Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home, 40 Vandeventer Avenue.

Burial will be in Princeton Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Fox Chase Cancer Center, P.O. Box 42630, Philadelphia, Pa. 19161-0001.

Edward L.P. Milholland

Edward Lillie Pierce Milholland, 69, of Seattle, Wash., formerly of Princeton, died May 13 after a short illness. He was the son of Frederic and Margaret Milholland and grandson of L.L and Mary Pierce, all longtime Princeton residents.

Mr. Milholland, known as Pierce, attended Princeton Country Day School and Milton Academy, and graduated from The Darrow School and Trinity College. He studied architecture at Yale and worked for Harrison and Abramowitz in New York. He moved to Seattle in 1965 and helped renovate the Pike Place Market. Later, he designed many private residences in the Seattle area.

In the 1980s, he gave up architecture to become a full time artist. He was known for his colorful paintings of flower fields, orchards, barns, and field workers of Washington. His annual gallery shows were a popular event. His last show opened on May 12, the day before his death.

He is survived by his daughter Charlotte of Redding, Conn.; a son, Thatcher of San Francisco; a sister, Jean Milholland Shriver of Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif.; and one grandson.

A memorial service will take place in the Patricia Rozvar Gallery in Kirkland, Wash. on June 6.

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David Bradford, 'Gracious and Kind,' Remembered at Richardson Service

When David Bradford, a family man, neighbor, and professor of economics and public affairs at Princeton University, died on February 22 from injuries incurred while trying to escape from a house fire two weeks earlier, the community immediately responded.

There was an outpouring of support for his family, his life and career were memorialized at the University, and a campaign was launched to give his name to a small park on his native Pine Street. That proposal for the memorial park is being weighed by Borough Council.

Park or no park, if the crowd of approximately 450 at Richardson Auditorium in Alexander Hall last Friday was any indication of what Mr. Bradford, who was 66, meant to the surrounding community, he has already left an indelible legacy.

Anne-Marie Slaughter, dean of the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, mentioned his two stints as acting dean, two as associate dean and director of the graduate program. Ms. Slaughter spoke of him as "gracious and kind, unfailingly considerate and careful, and deeply deliberative.

"There are many things that he had on his plate, many things that he would have liked to do — I think it's fair to say, that he would have rather done — but he came to help, as he always did when you asked him for help," Ms. Slaughter said. "He was loved throughout the school and the University."

That sentiment at the University is two-pronged, the dean added. Mr. Bradford was admired not only for his way of dealing with colleagues and students, but for the long list of contributions he compiled during his nearly four decades at the University. Most recently, Mr. Bradford was devoted to building the Science, Technology, and Environmental Policy program (STEP). At the time of his death he was the leader and "guiding spirit" behind the STEP weekly seminars, which, Ms. Slaughter announced, would be renamed the David Bradford Seminars in Science, Technology, and Environmental Policy.

Alan Blinder, co-director of the University's Center for Economic Policy Studies, remembered his colleague as a "treasured member of the faculty.

"The loss that all of us are feeling here today is not just scholarly, but very personal," he said, painting a picture of the "warm, but wry smile" that was characteristic of Mr. Bradford — even when he was arguing for his favorite tax plan, or against yours, Mr. Blinder added.

"David truly believed in the competition of ideas, but for him, that meant good-natured, well-mannered, truth-seeking competition, not scoring points, not going for the jugular."

While Mr. Bradford accomplished a myriad of achievements in his 39 years at the University, it was when he was still a young professor who had just received tenure that he published what is his most cited paper, "Optimal Departures from Marginal Cost Pricing." Co-authored with William J. Baumol and published in the American *Economic Review* in 1970, the paper has been absorbed "so thoroughly into the corpus of the discipline, that formal citations are often omitted," Mr. Blinder said.

In his later years, Mr. Bradford's energies were focused on environmental policy. He was "especially engaged," Mr. Blinder said, in studying possible policy responses to the challenge posed by global climate change — an interest acquired when he was a member of the Council on Economic Advisors in the early 1990s.

Mr. Bradford's children, Theodore and Lulu, offered a personal look at a man who has left, according to Mr. Blinder, "his intellectual fingerprints all over" the blueprint for tax reform.

"He was a brilliant thinker and a dedicated member of the University," said his daughter Lulu, who spoke with her brother, Theodore. "To us, he was our gentle and loving dad."

Mr. Bradford is survived by his two children, his wife Gundel, a sister, and four grandchildren.

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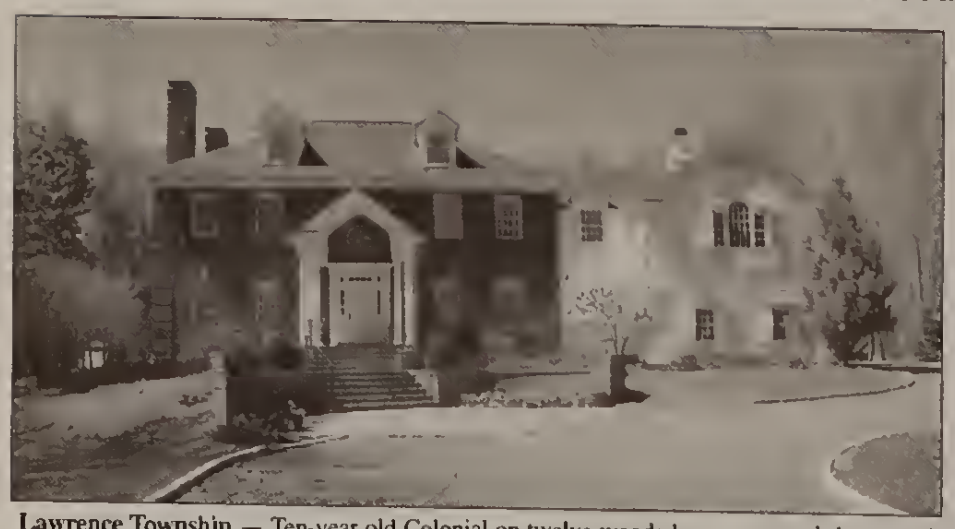

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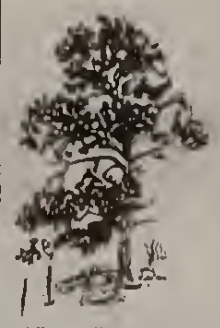

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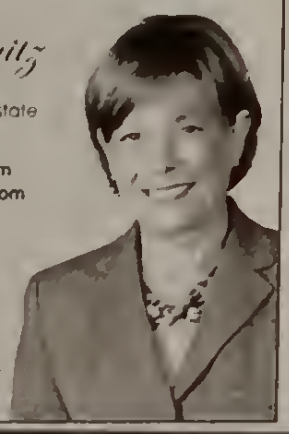

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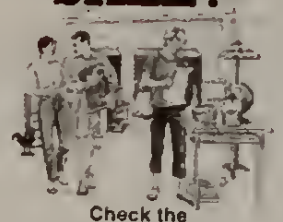

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05-25

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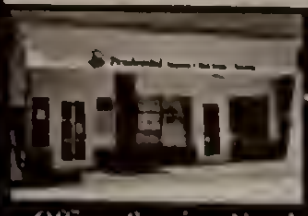

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